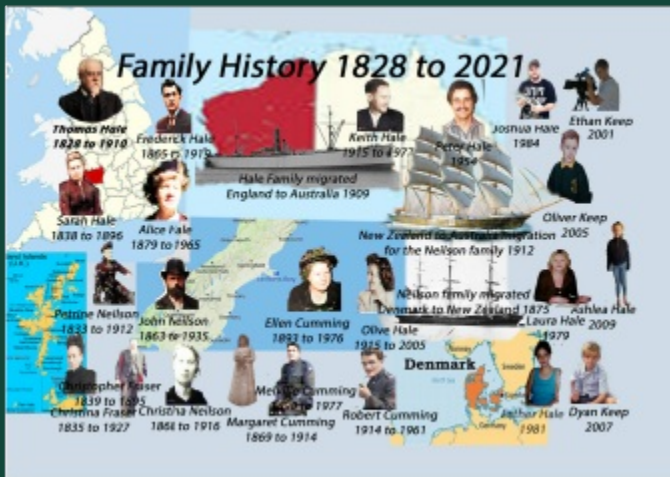


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Family History 2025

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My Family History



My beginnings trace back to a rather unique alignment of dates in March. I was born on the 17th of March, 1954. It's quite remarkable, really, because my dad was born on the 18th of March, and then my son came into the world on the 16th of March. Three consecutive days, each significant in its own right, creating a sort of familial tradition. It's as though March, particularly those three days, holds a special significance for us, binding our generations together uniquely.

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My book is dedicated to my grandmother **Ellen Neilson (Cumming)**. Pictured with my mum Olive and Uncle Bob who I was named after "Robert".

Ellen endured loss and illness most of her life but always loved her family. Her mother Christina Neilson died when she had just given birth to my mother Olive Ellen, and was left to guide and bring up her four sisters, Her brother Ernest died in WW1, Her brothers John drowned in Port Hedland while at work, Her infant son and Robert died young, Ellen stayed back in New Zealand to nurse her Grandmother Petrine and organized her funeral aged 16, Husband Melville returned from the world war 1 with lifelong injuries,

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I would like thank and credit my cousin **Bethwyn Gawned (Strickland)** who helped with so much family information on the Neilson side . We have enjoyed our mutual passion for family.

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Bethwyn is on our family farm in Albany. Various Neilson Farm machinery is still there. Our great-grandfather would have used this tractor.

I have always done everything for fun. When it's not fun anymore, I go and do something else - Peter Hale.

Who has had the greatest impact in your life?



My father Keith Hale born 1913 died 1977.

Above: My father Keith was the biggest impact on my life. He taught me **what not to do** including smoking, drinking, aggression, and spending time in jail.

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This is my most recent family photo (16th March 2025) at my 71st birthday and Joshua's 41st birthday dinner.

Our Family Arrival In Australia



The Neilson's on my mother's side arrived in Australia in 1909.,

Yes, you used to go down Neilson Road to the farm but they cut that off with the road. Also Albert and Tess Souness (Aunty Tess) had Souness Park along Rocky Crossing Road.

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My gran Ellen pictured left, John Neilson and Ellen with sisters in their brand new Ford Model T 1924.

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Robert Melville married Ellen Agnes Neilson
20th August 1913 in Albany WA

Above and below Ellen and Melvilles wedding 1913.

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Five Neilson sisters in later years.



These photos taken on Neilson's Albany farm in 2024.

The Neilson family was doing well in New Zealand and

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when they came to Australia, life was very difficult with a long trail of bad luck

The New Zealand Neilson farm was in Gladstone NZ.

A tree fell on John while clearing land at Rocky Crossing

John Neilson died of cancer of the lungs may be due to his work on the Albany roadworks

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When John Hans Neilson was born on 11 January 1864 in Denmark, his father, Lawrence, was 34 and his mother, Petrine, was 30. He had one son and one daughter with Christina Elizabeth Fraser between 1889 and 1893. He died on 4 September 1935 in Albany, Western Australia, at the age of 71, and was buried in Albany WA.

Peter Hale: Mother side Olive Hale. Including Cumming, Nielson, Frazer, Henry, Jorge, Yell, Rasmussen, Deyell

Bethwyn Gawned Dad said they used to swim in the creek/ water hole at the entrance to Neilson farm. The farmhouse had newspapers covering the inside of the walls. The foundations are still there

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Christina had twin boys that didn't survive and died

John (Jorgen) Hans (Hansen) Neilson (Nielsen)

Neilson Road was named after him. John Neilson, He is my Bethwyn Gawn Strickland, great grandfather too. He was Danish and he went from Denmark to New Zealand with his parents and two brothers in 1875. He married Shetland Islander Christina Fraser and migrated to Albany in 1912. They moved to the two-story wooden house in Rowley Street whilst he made the orchard farm ready for them to move into. The farm is now on the other side of the link road.

Fraser Family



The Fraser family first migrated from the Shetland Islands in Scotland to New Zealand in 1885 and then to Australia in Albany in 1910. Above are the shipping records from the Shetland Islands. Great Grandmother was 6.

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Christopher Fraser married to Christina and daughter Christina (Above) married John Neilson and came to

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Australia (Albany) in 1910. :Circa 1839 Saudstine,
zetland

Christening: Oct 9 1841 Sandsting & Aithsting, Zetland,
Shetland Islands

Occupation: farmer & seaman

Residence: Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland,
Scotland 1871

Death: Sep 9 1895 Poukioire, Rangitikei, Manawatu-
Wanganui, New Zealand

Burial: Rangatira Cemetery, Rangatira, New Zealand

Family members parents: Robert Fraser 1800 - 1873
Agnes Fraser (born Deyel) 1805 - 1890

Siblings: James Fraser 1829 - 1865 Catherine Irvine (born
Fraser) 1836 - 1904 Agnes Fraser 1841 - 1941 Robina
Fraser 1847 - ? Georgina Henry (born Fraser) 1834 -
1902 Francis Fraser 1839 - ? Marjory Johnson (born
Fraser) 1844 - ?

Rangatira Cemetery

Also known as Hunterville Cemetery

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LOCATION 326 Murimotu Road, Hunterville

Marton, Rangitikei District, Manawatu-Wanganui, 4785
New Zealand

Christina Johnson was born in 1835 in Aithsting, Shetland. She had one daughter with Christopher Fraser in 1868. She died on 27 July 1927 in Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, at the age of 92.

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Christina Fraser Maiden name Johnson pictured above

Name: Christopher Fraser

Gender: Male

Marriage Date: 2 Dec 1856

Marriage Place: Sandsting and
Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland

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Spouse: Christina Johnson

Christina Johnson 1835-1927

2nd great-grandmother



Christina Elizabeth Fraser 1868-1916

Daughter of Christina Johnson



Ellen Agnes Neilson 1893-1961

Daughter of Christina Elizabeth Fraser



Olive Christina Margaret Cumming 1915-2005

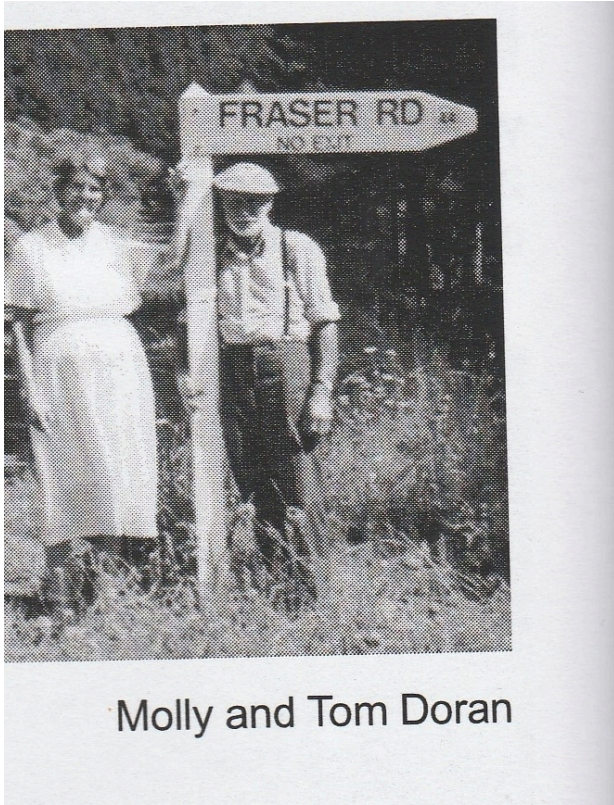
Daughter of Ellen Agnes Neilson



Peter Robert Hale

You are the son of Olive Christina Margaret Cumming

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Molly and Tom Doran

Street named after our Fraser family in New Zealand.

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Harold James Fraser was killed in World War One. James was the son of John Robert Frazer who in turn was the son of pictured Christopher and Christina Fraser nephew of Christina Neilson nee Fraser.

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In Memory Of
Private

HAROLD JAMES FRASER

Service Number: 871

44th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 05 March 1917 Age 21

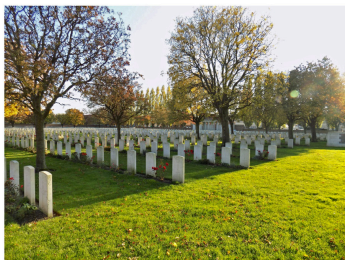
Son of John Robert and Bessie M. Fraser, of 57, Pearse St., Cottesloe, Western Australia. Born at Broken Hill, New South Wales.

THY WILL BE DONE

Remembered with Honour

CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY, ARMENTIERES

IV. F. 12.



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COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES
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COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH
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Above and below Harold's war records. He was just a young boy when he died.

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1st line	2nd line	3rd line	4th line		Centre of Stone	To be stencilled on front of headstone before removal		
Number and Rank	Initials, NAME and Honours	Regiment	Date of Death	Age	Relig. Emb.	Plot	P. R. of Grave	No. of Stone
			In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.					
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
846	PRIVATE A. MC MURTRIE	42ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.	7TH MARCH 1917	NONE	CROSS	4 F 10		1046
80	PRIVATE C.A. GIBBS	36TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.	6TH MARCH 1917	NONE	CROSS	4 F 11		1047
871	PRIVATE H.J. FRASER	44TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.	6TH MARCH 1917	AGE 21	CROSS	4 F 12		1048
		40TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.	4TH MARCH 1917	AGE 20	CROSS	4 F 13		1049

Below the New Zealand home of the Frasers in Marsden

Christina "Tilly" Johnson Fraser: Christina Fraser (born Johnson) Great-great-grandmother 1835 - 1927
 Hide relatives
 Parents Christopher Johnson and Janet Johnson (born Tait)
 Husband Christopher Fraser
 Children Christine, John Robert, Barbara, Agnes, Christine Elizabeth, Arthur, Robert Bruce, Jane and Elizabeth

Name: Christina Fraser

Death Date: Jul 1927

Registration Place: Whakatane, Auckland, New Zealand

Folio Number: 2259

Christina Johnson 1861 census.

Age: 26

Estimated birth year: abt 1835

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Relationship: Daughter

Father's name: James Johnson

Mother's name: Agnes Johnson

Gender: Female

Where born: Sandsting, zetland

Registration Number: 9

Registration district: Sandsting and Aithsting

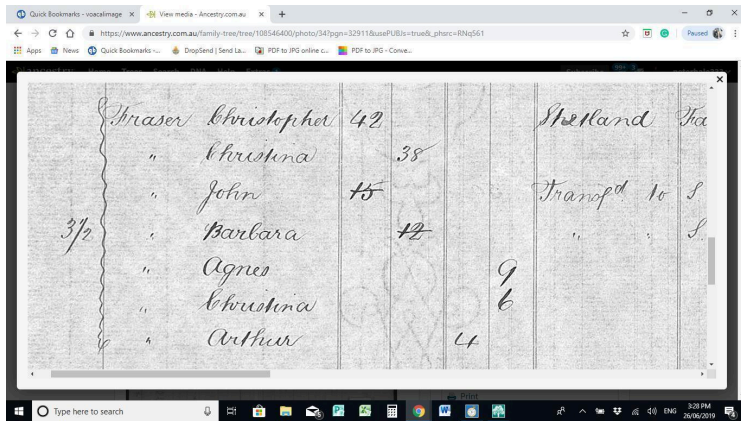
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County: Shetland

Address: Gruting

Occupation: Farmer's Daughter

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Household Members: Name Age

James Johnson61

Agnes Johnson63

Christina Johnson26

Greenock, Scotland, - Wellington, New Zealand

Their son Robert Bruce was born during the trip onboard at sea.

Name: Christina Fraser

Age: 66

Estimated birth year: abt 1835

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Relationship: Head

Gender: Female

Where born: Unst, shetland

Registration Number: 5/1

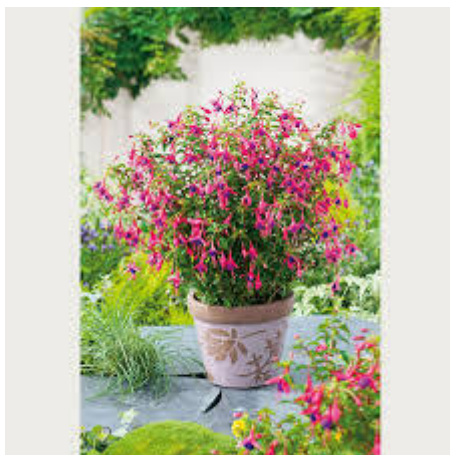
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County: Shetland

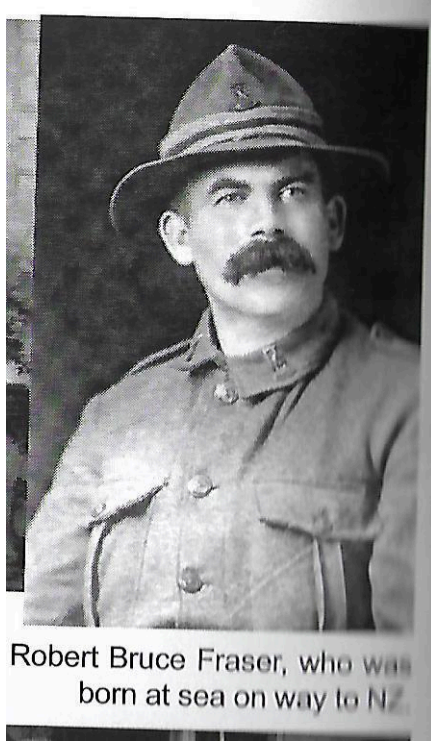
Address: 3 Widows Asylum

Occupation: Knitter Of Shetland Hosiery



Tom Thumb Fuschia Fraser family favorite.

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Robert Bruce Fraser, who was
born at sea on way to NZ.

Born 2nd December 1875 at sea. Died 26th March 1959.
Son of Christopher and Christina Fraser nee Johnson.
Brother of Christina Neilson nee Fraser.

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IMAGES DECEASED ON NORTH CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTINA NEILSON



Christina Neilson with Ellen, Madeline, Arthur, Ernest.

Christina Neilson {Fraser} with children including my grandmother Ellen Neilson {Cumming} left.

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My grandmother's wedding anniversary with Pop Melville Cumming and her four sisters.

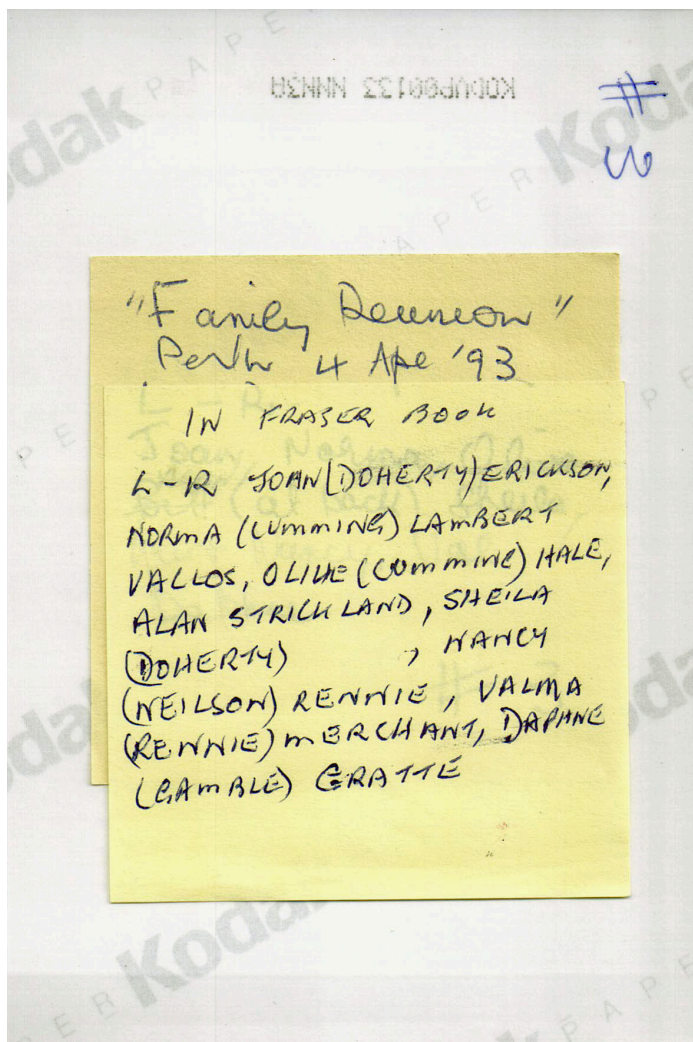


My mother daughter of Ellen Cumming (Neilson) Olive Hale nee Cumming in 1916.

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Hale Family



Amongst the earliest family photos is Thomas Frederick Hale my great Grandfather. Born on 8th December 1828 in Bristol, England. Also The continent of Australia is claimed as a British territory. He Died 19th October 1910.

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Hale family photo in England just before we came to Australia in 1910.



Hale England home in Bristol.

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ESTABLISHED  **1726.**
BRISTOL BRASS FOUNDRY,
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THOMAS HALE & CO.
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AND CLOCK MANUFACTURERS.
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 CHANDELIERS AND EVERY DESCRIPTION OF GAS FITTINGS,
 BRASS RAILING, BRASS AND ZINC DOOR PLATES,
WINDOW FRONTS, MOULDINGS, BALUSTRADES, &c.
BELL FOUNDERS;
 CHURCH AND TURRET CLOCKS OF ANY MAGNITUDE,
PLUMBERS' BRASS FOUNDERS,
 And Patentees of HALE'S Celebrated Plunge Cock for
 Resisting Heavy Pressures.

Hale business in England.

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1864. Marriage solemnized at P. Hayes Church in the Parish of Bridgewater in the County of Barnstaple

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
193	November 8 th	Thomas Frederick Hale	21	Bachelor	Merchant	Clifton	Thomas Hale	Merchant
		Sarah Gould Philpotts	21	Spinster	—	Bridgewater	Sam Philpotts	Gentleman

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or other — by min.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas Frederick Hale in the presence of us, Sam Philpotts J. B. Smith Wm. T. Smith Wm. T. Smith

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		Sarah Gould Philpotts	21	Spinster	Widow	Bridgewater	Thomas Halls	Labourer

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or other — by min.

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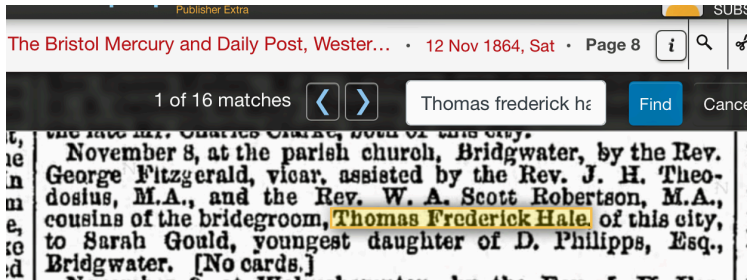
Marriage certificate of Thomas and Sarah Gould
(Philps) 1864.

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Sarah Gould Hale. Born 1838 in Bridgewater
Somerset, England. Died 12th May 1896.

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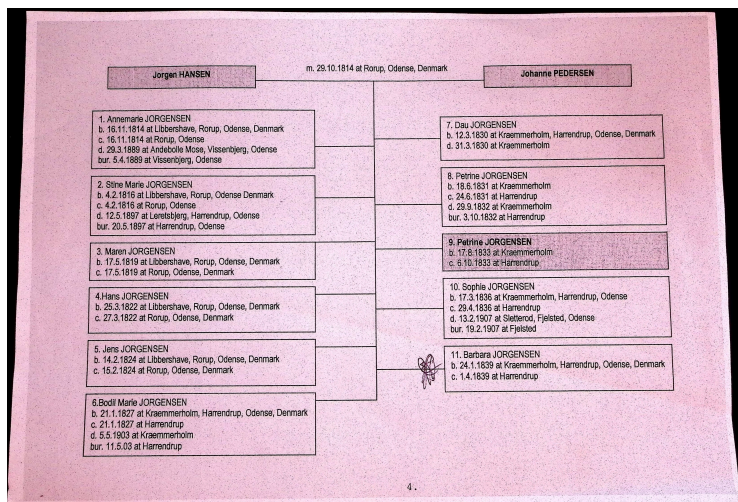


Thomas and Sarah wedding news 8th November 1864.

Neilson Family

Of the Neilson Family. Descendants of my Mother and Grandmother Ellen Neilson (Cumming)

Below: Denmark families with Petrine and her sister Barbara.

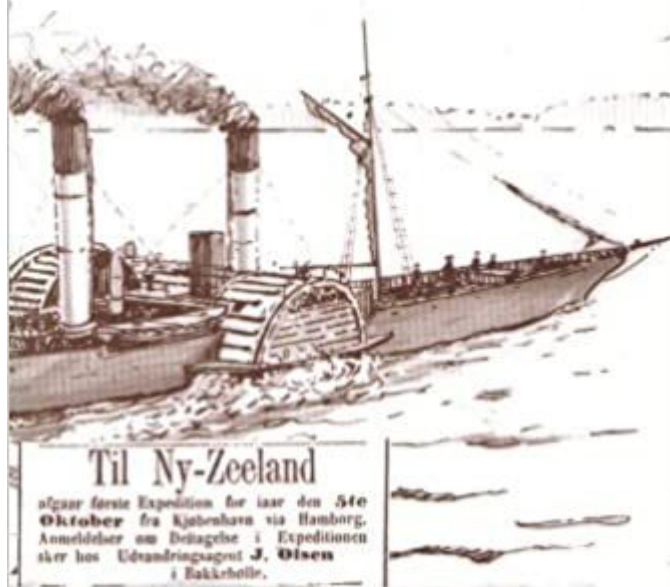


SAGA OF TWO ZEALAND'S

And they went forth...

by

Ray Sigvertsen



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The 'Humboldt' departed from Hamburg, Germany on Saturday, October 10th, 1874 carrying almost 400 souls. They comprised 122 married people, 110 children from one to twelve years, 17 infants and 92 single men and women together with the crew, for a trip expected to last up to four months. Neils was aged 13 years, so he would have been classed as one of the single men. Jorgen being only 11 years and Hans being 2 ½ years were included in the list of children.

Life at sea was difficult ~ high temperatures, the confines of the decks, rough seas, terrible storms and then light winds leaving them becalmed. The record lists various births and deaths through illness and one child falling overboard during the journey. The emigrants attempted to retain some of the rituals of normal life ~ church services were held each Sunday with the Captain presiding over various members of the crew or passengers reading chapters of the Bible and others translating to Danish or German where necessary.

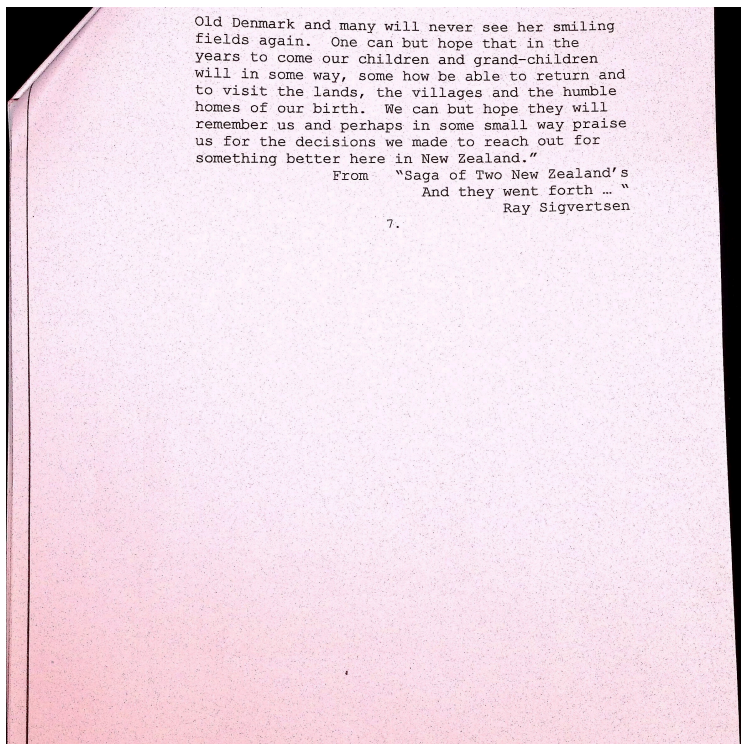
It was Sunday, January 24th, 1875 when the cry of 'Land Ahoy' signalled their first sighting of New Zealand. The Captain informed the passengers they would be sailing up the East Coast to land at Wellington. At what he announced would be their last service on board, he read in German from James, Chapter 2 and his words were translated to Danish by Lars Nielsen.

On January 28th 1875, after a voyage of 110 days, it was time to begin their new life. Time to meet the demands of immigration officials and land allocation agreements, to find their way around the strange, new landscape and new language.

This extract from a book detailing the voyage gives us a sense of how momentous an event this was in their lives.

"It is a for many of us a time for reflection and in this there are moments of sadness along with the joy of having safely arrived. We all realise that there will be many heartaches for

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Old Denmark and many will never see her smiling fields again. One can but hope that in the years to come our children and grand-children will in some way, some how be able to return and to visit the lands, the villages and the humble homes of our birth. We can but hope they will remember us and perhaps in some small way praise us for the decisions we made to reach out for something better here in New Zealand."

From "Saga of Two New Zealand's
And they went forth ... "
Ray Sigvertsen

7.

Lawrence (Lars) Neilson was born on Wednesday 25 March 1829 . in Mullerod, Dreslette, Odense. Denmark. 1829 when Perth's Swan River colony was founded then in 1832 .Swan River colony is renamed Western Australia.

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Petrine Neilson wife of Lars. Born 17th August 1833

Harndrup, Vends, Odense, Denmark

Died 12th June 1912. Petrine divorced Lars and married John Balkwell in 1896.

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Searches by Danny Nielsen uncovered records of some of the events in the Neilson family during their lives in New Zealand. He was the one who explained the spelling changes in their names.

After being a resident for 18 years, Petrine Neilson became a naturalised New Zealander in 1893. This may have been a legal requirement to enable her to re-marry, but this was also the year women in New Zealand were granted the right to vote, so that may have influenced her. On an electoral roll from 1893, Petrine Neilson is listed as a housekeeper residing at Marton, but there is no record of Laurence. No record of naturalisation or death has been found for Laurence, however Petrine's marriage notes her previous husband died in 1881. Oral history from family members has told us he and his son Peter left to find gold in the United States.

In 1892, a year before his mother's second marriage to John Balkwell, the third son John Neilson, (christened Jorgen Hansen Nielsen on his birth in Denmark), married Christina Fraser. The Fraser family had emigrated to New Zealand from the Shetland Isles in 1875. An electoral roll of 1903 shows John and Christina Neilson lived in Paroa and describes John as a miner. John and Christina, together with their eight children, left New Zealand for Albany, Western Australia in 1911. The eldest daughter, Ellen Agnes, (Nell), remained behind in New Zealand to care for their grandmother Petrine, whom they knew as Granny Balkwell. Eighteen months later, Nell sailed to Albany to re-join her family.

Three grown sons of John and Christina all died unmarried. Twin boys born a few years after their arrival in Albany died shortly after birth, but the five daughters lived long lives and passed on their strong family bonds to the fourteen children they produced. Sadly their mother Christina drowned in 1916 and was not part of her grand-children's lives. John Neilson lived and farmed in Albany until his death in 1935.

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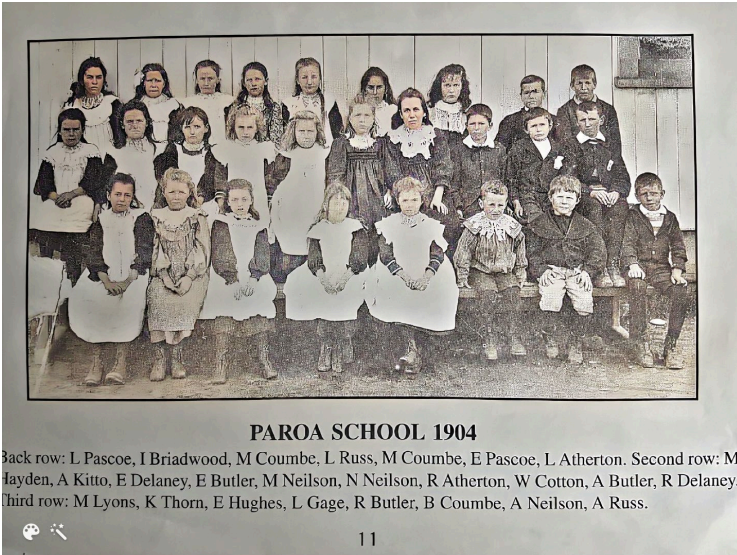
Denmark Family's Denmark location map.

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Christina and John Neilson

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New Zealand 1904 Primary school photos of 3
Neilsons. My Gran Ellen, Magdelin and front row Arthur.

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Paroa School New Zealand

Neilson kids in photos:

Ernest Neilson 28th July 1889

Ellen (Nell) Neilson 11th July 1893

Barbara Madeline Neilson 16th April 1895

Arthur Neil Neilson 1897

Christina Elizabeth (Tess) Neilson 11th April 1900

Mona Margaret Neilson 2nd November 1902

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John Raymond Neilson March 1904

Nancy Alexander Neilson 23rd November 1909

In the Paraoa school photos the children's ages are approximate

as below.

1904 1907 1909-1910 1912

Nell 10-11 13-14 15-17 18-19

Madeline 8-9 11-12 13-15 16-17

Arthur 6-7 9-10 11-13 14-15

Tess 3-4 6-7 8-10 11-12

Mona 1-2 4-5 6-8 9-10

John not born 2-3 4-6 7-8

Nancy not born - 0-1 2-3

I recognized the name Paroa on the school as I drove past as it is on My grandmother' Madeline Neilson's Birth Certificate so I did a u-turn and went inside and there she was on the wall in a school photo. – Bethyn Gawned

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The five lovely Neilson sisters.

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R.G. 118 NEW ZEALAND

Certified Copy of Entry of Marriage No 12886

in the Registrar-General's Office

Number	22	
When married	6 October 1892	
Where married	In the Manse Marton	
	BRIDEGROOM	BRIDE
Name and surname	John Neilson	Christina Fraser
Age	28	24
Profession or occupation	Farmer	-
Conjugal status	Bachelor	Spinster
Birthplace	Denmark	Scotland
Usual residence (in full)	Poukiori Hunterville	Poukiori Hunterville
Name and surname of father	Laurence Neilson	Christiopher Fraser
Profession or occupation of father	Labourer	Farmer
Name and surname of mother	Petrine Neilson	Christina Fraser
Profession or occupation of mother	-	-
Maiden surname of mother	Johnson	Johnston

Certified to be a true copy of the above particulars included in a marriage entry in the records of the Registrar-General's Office.


Given under the seal of the Registrar-General at Lower Hutt.

this 17 day of February 1984

The fee for this certificate is \$7.00

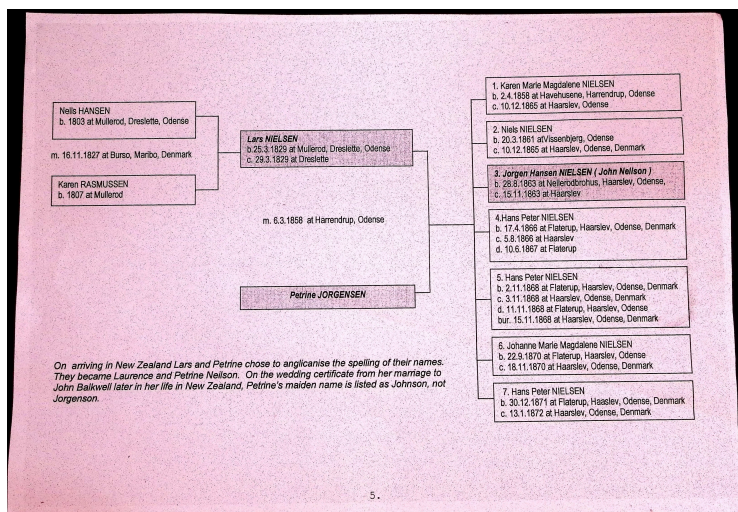
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Below John Neilson family parents and grandparents
back to 1803.

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Dansk Demografisk Database

KORT OVER AMT OG BOGNE FOLKEFÆLLENGER BESTIL CD-ROM ANDRE DATABASES KILDEBESKRIV

All persons in the household
 Odense, Vends, Harndrup, Harndrup Sogns Udlyttere, et Hus, 131, FT-1834, C7512

Name:	Age:	Marital status:	Pos. in household:	Occupation:	Birth place:
Jorgen Hansen	41	Gift		Huusmand og Dagleier	
Johanne Pedersdatter	40	Gift		hans Kone	
Karen Jorgensdatter	15	Ugift		deres Bam	
Hans Jorgensen	12	Ugift		deres Bam	
Jens Jorgensen	10	Ugift		deres Bam	
Boell Marie Jorgensdatter	7	Ugift		deres Bam	
Petrine Jorgensen	1	Ugift		deres Bam	

JORGENSEN

Here is what I have gathered - Born 28July 18899 in Greymouth, Ernest Evelyn NEILSON (6/3411) was theeldest sonn off emigrants John Hans Jorgen Hansen and Christina Elizabeth Neilson(nee Fraser). His father, John was born 28 August 1863 in Nellerod,Gribbskov Kommune, Hovedstaden, Denmark.Heemigratedd tooNewwithand withh his parents Lawrence and Petrine

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Neilson (nee Hansen) in 1874 when he was 11. In 1892, in Marton, he married Christina Elizabeth Fraserr. Born 18 May 1868 in Aith, Shetland Islands, Scotland, she traveled to New Zealand with her parents Christopher and Christina Fraserr (nee Johnson) and siblings in 1874. John and Christina married in Marton in 1892 and had 12 children in 30 years. Ernest was their second son. Born in Greymouth in 1889, he was living in Marsden on the West Coast when war broke out. He was five feet 8 inches tall and weighed 154 pounds. He left for Suez, Egypt 13 November 1915 with the Canterbury Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements. He joined his battalion in Ismailia 9 January 1916 before embarking for France. He was admitted to the 7th General Hospital, St Omer with mumps and 21 March 1917. He rejoined his Battalion in the field 11 April 1917 as a Lance Corporal. He was attached to the 3rd Company, Canadian Engineers and No 1 Company, New Zealand Engineers before rejoining his Battalion 28 June 1917. After being promoted to Corporal he had two weeks' leave in England before rejoining his unit 31 July 1917. He was with the 1st Battalion when he was killed 12 October 1917. He was 28. He is remembered on the memorial at Tyne Cot, Panel 2 and on one of four memorial gate pillars on the Greymouth War Memorial which records the names of 40 men and women

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associated with the Grey Main School who died during service in World War 1. The gates, which were torn down in 2007 by contractors developing the former school site, where the memorial had stood for 85 years, into a shopping complex, were recovered and relocated. Ernest's parents moved to Western Australia around the time their son enlisted. His father, John, became a well-known resident of the Albany district where he had an orchard property at Rocky Crossing. He passed away 4 September 1935 after being in indifferent health for some months. He was 71. His wife, Christina, predeceased him. She was found drowned on Middleton Beach 29 January 1916 aged 46. John's father, Lawrence (Lars) who brought his family to New Zealand died in the United States after the death of his wife Petrine Jorgenson in Greymouth 12 June 1912 aged 78. Ernest's maternal grandfather, Christopher, died in Hunterville, Wellington September 1895 and grandmother Christina 27 July 1927 in Whakatane, Bay of Plenty aged 92. - Bethwyn Gawned (Strickland)

Mona Gamble, N

City reunion for Albany sisters



A RECENT family reunion held at Maylands brought together five sisters who spent their girlhood years at Albany, and many of their relatives.

The sisters are the daughters of Mr and Mrs John Neilson, who took up virgin country near Mt Willyung. They are (from left) Mrs Mona Gamble, of Guildford, Mrs Madge Strickland, of May-

lands, Mrs Nell Cumming, of East Fremantle, Mrs Tess Sounness of Albany, and Mrs Nancy Rennie, of Woodanilling.

Mrs Cumming and her husband Melville celebrated their diamond

wedding anniversary this month.

Recently the Albany Shire Council proposed that the old road to the property which was farmed by the family be officially called Neilson Road.

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Usual residence (in full)	Poukiori Hunterville	Poukiori Hunterville
Name and surname of father	Laurence Neilson	Christiopher Fraser
Profession or occupation of father	Labourer	Farmer
Name and surname of mother	Petrine Neilson	Christina Fraser
Profession or occupation of mother	-	-
Maiden surname of mother	Johnson	Johnston


Certified to be a true copy of the above particulars included in a marriage entry in the records of the Registrar-General's Office.

Given under the seal of the Registrar-General at Lower Hutt.

this 17 day of February 19 84

The fee for this certificate is
\$7.00

CAUTION—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.

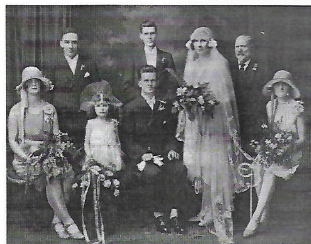
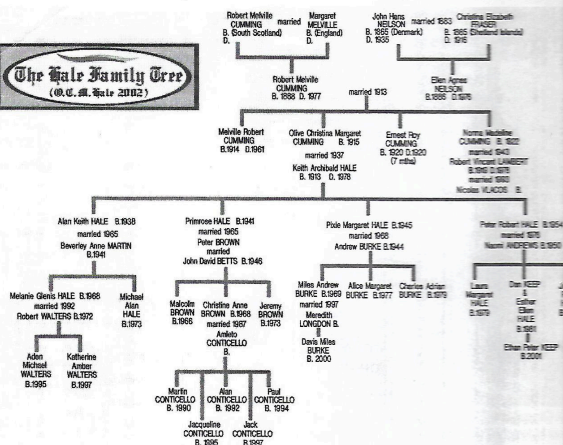


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Lawrence and Petrine wedding certificate.

THE WAY WE WERE

Ellen Agnes Neilson Cumming Family



William Souness
Albert's Sister
Norma Cumming/Lambert
Frank Souness
Albert Souness
John Neilson
Christina Souness/Nelson
Nancy Neilson/Rennie



Parker
Olive Christina Margaret Cumming/Hale
Frank Strickland
Grace Strickland
William James Strickland
Anita Ellen Strickland/Sweet
Mia Margaret Neilson/Gam



Mona Neilson/Gamble
Barbara Neilson/Strickland
Ellen Neilson/Cumming
Christina Neilson/Souness
Nancy Neilson/Rennie



Ellen Agnes Neilson/Cumming

THE WAY WE WERE

My Aunties & Uncles



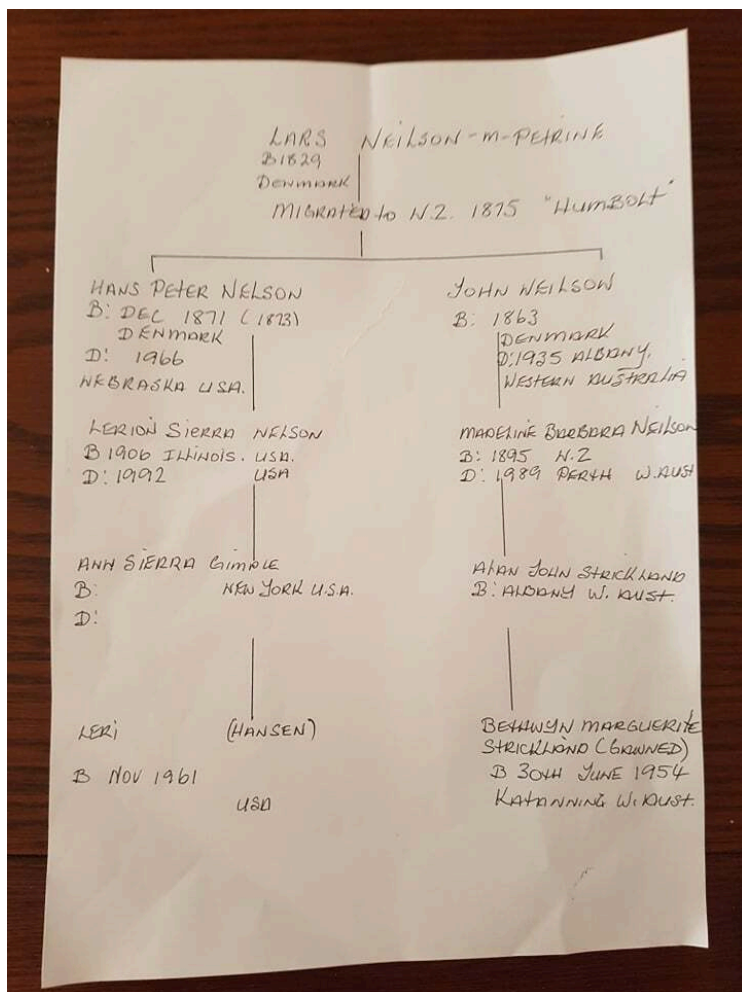
Strickland wedding, Magdeline and William

THE WAY WE WERE



Strickland kids.

THE WAY WE WERE



Stricklands

THE WAY WE WERE



William Strickland

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Uncle Alan Strickland

THE WAY WE WERE



Stricklands Army days.



Aunts Nancy, Mona Tess, Madeline Neilson

THE WAY WE WERE



Robert Bruce Fraser was born in 1874 on sea voyage to New Zealand.

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Audrey Sounness Gillet adopted daughter of Tess & Albert.

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Uncle Ron ,Bill, Alan Strickland.

THE WAY WE WERE



Madge and Bill Strickland 1949

My Aunty and uncle Madge and Bill Strickland.

THE WAY WE WERE

Mona Margaret Neilson & Victor Thomas Gamble



Bride (Mona Margaret Neilson)
and Groom (Victor Thomas Gamble).
Left to right: Nancy Neilson, George Gamble,
John Hans Neilson, Mona Neilson, Albert Souness, Christina
Neilson (Ties).



Andrews Family



My children's family on their mother's side.:

These are your great great grand parents on your Mums side. They lived in Dubbo and Molong NSW in the 1800s. Photos left Mary on Nans side and couple on right Pa side Alice and Cornelius. x

THE WAY WE WERE



Mary Jane Petrie

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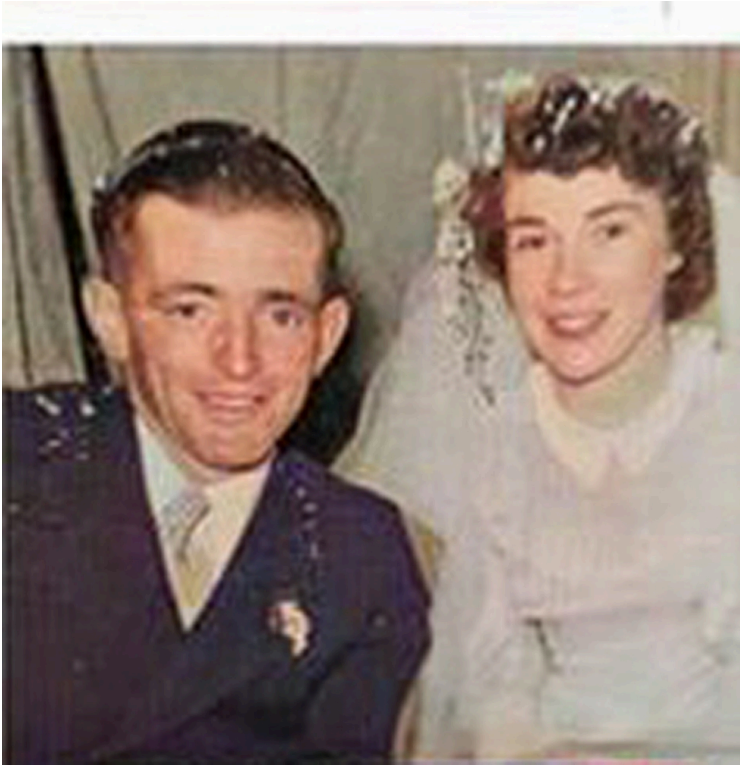
Alice Stein and Cornelius. Cornelius Robert (Bob) Van Der Maal was born 11 September 1879 in New South Wales. He had one daughter with Alice Van Der Maal Stein in 1904. He died on 12 October 1961 in Dubbo, New South Wales, at the age of 82.

THE WAY WE WERE



Dubbo New South Wales in the 1970s

THE WAY WE WERE



Pa and Nan Andrews Doug and Margaret.

Parents

Walter Stephen Andrews

1887–1963

Gertrude N Andrews Van Der Maal

1904–1951

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Spouse & Children

Margaret Andrews Petrie

1934–

Naomi Joyce Andrews

1956–

Elizabeth & Paul.

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Elizabeth centre with Margaret and Doug Andrews.



Paul, Elizabeth & Naomi Andrews.

Gertrude Nellie Vandermaal Andrews

BIRTH 1904 New South Wales, Australia

DEATH 6 Oct 1951 (aged 46–47)

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BURIAL Old Dubbo Cemetery Dubbo, Dubbo Regional Council, New South Wales, Australia

PLOT C of E R2 row 8

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When Gertrude N Andrews Van Der Maal was born in 1904, her father, Cornelius, was 25, and her mother, Alice, was 20. She had one son with Walter Stephen Andrews in 1927. She died on 10 June 1951 at the age of 47



Gertrude Nellie Vandermaal Andrews

BIRTH 1904 New South Wales, Australia

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DEATH 6 Oct 1951 (aged 46–47)

BURIAL Old Dubbo Cemetery Dubbo, Dubbo Regional Council, New South Wales, Australia

PLOT C of E R2 row 8



Esther .Ethan and Pa .(Doug Andrews)

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Walter Stephen Andrews

BIRTH 1887New South Wales, Australia

DEATH 27 Feb 1963 (aged 75–76)

BURIAL Old Dubbo CemeteryDubbo, Dubbo Regional Council, New South Wales, Australia

PLOT C of E R2 row 8

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Walter Stephen AndrewsEx-wife's grandfather1887 - 1963Hide relativesParentsStephen Andrews and Annie Andrews (born Garlick)SiblingsWillie Albert, stephen,

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charles phillip, david, nellie and Annie elizaWifeGertrude
N Andrews (born Van Der Maal)Children joyce, Doug,
bruce and john



Walter Andrews (Front row second from left) 1920

Members of Dubbo Fire Brigade c1920 (l-r)

Captain J. Rutherford,R.Whiteley,Claude Rich,Barney
Flynn,George Rich.

Front Row- Wally Gore, Monte Andrews,Bill
Blatchford,Lou Morandini

THE WAY WE WERE



Dubbo streets in the 1860s

Australia Cemetery Index, 1808-2007 for Walter S Andrews

ANDREWS	Stephen. 14/8/1927. 73y. Husband & father.
ANDREWS	Annie. 17/10/1947. 83y. Wife of above.
ANDREWS	David. 1915. 21y. Killed In Action Lone Pine.
ANDREWS	Joyce A. 9/12/1938. 12y. Our only daughter.
VANDERMAAL	John. 24/1/1950. 80y.
ANDREWS	Gurtrude N. 6/10/1951. 47y. Er. by husband & son, Douglas.
ANDREWS	Walter S. (Monty). 27/2/1963. 75y. My father.
ANDREWS	Bruce. 24/1/1952. 22y. Er. by father & brother, Douglas.

Sydney, Australia, Anglican Parish Registers, 1814-2011 for Annie Garlick

Newtown St Stephen > Marriage > 15 February 1883 - 07 November 1885

Labourer	full	Ry de	Robert Andrews Elizabeth "Janet" Louisa Chandler	Labourer
—	full	Ry de	John Garlick Annie Watson	Labourer

This Marriage was solemnized between us { Stephen Andrews
Annie Garlick

In the presence of us { John Cronk
Annie Eliza Cronk

By (or before) me Robert Taylor Officiating Minister or Registrar.

THE WAY WE WERE



Naomi and Doug Andrews.

When Margaret Andrews Petrie was born on 6 December 1934, her father, William, was 34, and her mother, Harriet, was 32. She had two daughter's and one son with Doug Andrews in 1956.

STEPHEN ANDREWS.

Stephen Andrews, 74, of Mogrigny, died in the Dubbo District Hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning. The deceased was a native of the County of Surrey, England, and came to Australia when he was 19 years of age. After a stay of five years Mr. Andrews returned to England and was married, coming back to Australia and taking up residence in the Dubbo district. Later he took up land at Mogrigny, where he carried on farming for over 20 years. The late Mr. Andrews was widely known and highly respected throughout the district. He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters. One son, David, made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great War. Those living are Charles and Steve (Queensland), William (Mogrigny), and Walter ("Montey"), of Dubbo, and the daughters Mrs. Paton (Ballarat), and Mrs. A. O. Brown, Wingewarra-street, Dubbo. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The Rev. C. W. Leavers will hold a short service at Mr. A. O. Brown's residence, and will also officiate at the graveside in the Church of England cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Mr. J. R. Tighe.

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The Hale kids grandparents.

738	Petrie, Doris Jane, Yeoval, home duties, F
739	Petrie, Harriet May, Yeoval, home duties, F
740	Petrie, William George Edmund, King street, Yeoval, railway employee, M
741	Phillips, Cecil, Erimble, labourer, M

Will and Harriet Petrie in Yeoval

THE WAY WE WERE

The marriage was celebrated at St. John's Church of England, Molong, on Wednesday, January 28th, by Rev. J. A. Poole, of William G. E., son of Mr. Albert Petrie, of Gumble, and Harriett May, daughter of Mr. Phillip McCarthy, of Gumble. Miss Beatrice Hughes acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Bert Petrie as best man. "The Voice That Breathed o'er Eden" was sung as the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, and Mrs. Poole rendered the "Wedding March" on the organ while the register was being signed. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the Glasgow Refreshment Rooms, where the usual toasts of congratulation were honored, and later Mr. and Mrs. Petrie left on their honeymoon, which is being spent in Orange and Bathurst. The future residence of the happy couple will be at Garra.

Pop and Gran Petrie wedding.

Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980 for Walter Stephen Andrews

New South Wales > 1935 > Darling > Dubbo	
101	Anderson, Signrd Olaf, West Dubbo, bootmaker, M
102	Andrews, Albert Edward, rear of 289 Darling street, Dubbo, labourer, M
103	Andrews, Annie Elizabeth, Oakleigh, Delroy, Dubbo, home duties, F
104	Andrews, Annie, 39 Taylor street, Dubbo, home duties, F
105	Andrews, Archibald Arthur, 33 Bishop street, Dubbo, carter, M
106	Andrews, Archie Henry, 33 Bishop street, Dubbo, labourer, M
107	Andrews, Arthur Henry, Oakleigh, via Dubbo, farmer, M
108	Andrews, Doris Victoria, 33 Bishop street, Dubbo, home duties, F
109	Andrews, Eliza Jane, 33 Bishop street, Dubbo, home duties, F
110	Andrews, Elsie Jane, rear of 289 Darling street, Dubbo, home duties, F
111	Andrews, Gertrude Nellie, 154 Bultge street, Dubbo, home duties, F
112	Andrews, Luke Herbert, 120 Darling street, Dubbo, carpenter, M
113	Andrews, Rachel Ellen, 120 Darling street, Dubbo, home duties, F
114	Andrews, Walter Stephen, 154 Bultge street, Dubbo, labourer, M
115	Angel, Annie McIntyre, Yarrandale, Dubbo, home duties, F

DUBBO GIRL DEAD

Miss Joyce Andrews

DUBBO Monday

The funeral of Joyce Andrews, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Andrews, of Winnewarra, took place in the Church of England portion of the Dubbo cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The deceased child died at Newcastle and the remains were returned to Dubbo by train on Saturday night.

Sincere sympathy will be extended to the family, who are well known in Dubbo.

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Naomi Andrews Hale.



Nan Andrews funeral 2018

THE WAY WE WERE



Nan with daughter and grandkids.

THE WAY WE WERE



authorised to celebrate Marriages.

by Anderson J Russell

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Residence of the Parties (husband or wife's, wife's or other, domestic or General Residence)	Religion	Age (and Marital Status)	Father's Christian Name and Surname, Mother's Christian Name and Surname	Father's Rank or Profession
<u>Enoble</u>	<u>Methodist</u>	<u>years 17</u>	<u>William Peter</u>	<u>Building Engineer</u>
<u>Spencer</u>	<u>Presbyterian</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Harriet Mary McHardy</u>	<u>General Labourer</u>
			<u>Robert Hardy</u>	
			<u>Emily Mary</u>	

This Marriage was solemnized between us: W. Peter and H. Hardy

In the presence of us: R. Hardy and W. Russell

By us: John Russell Officiating Minister

Marriage Certificate No. 24 23 1990

Above Will & Harriet and below wedding certificates

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Sydney, Australia, Anglican Parish Registers, 1814-2011 for Harriet May Patrie

Summer Hill St Andrew Marriage 20 June 1842 10 June 1844

REGISTER BOOK for the use of Ministers

authorised to celebrate Marriages.

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MARRIAGES Solemnized in the State of New South Wales,

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	Wife and Her Maiden	Name and Residence of the Bride.	Groom or Bridegroom.	Time Place of Marriage.	Publication of Banns.	Objections.	Remarks.	Parish Clergy Person (all Ministers)	Witnesses	Parish Clerk or Registrar.
217	1842 Harriet Patrie Miss Patrie	Harriet Margaret Patrie Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Patrie	20th March Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Sydney Hill	Isaac Patrie Sydney Hill

Married at St Andrew's Church The Curate of St Andrew's Church and his Clerk
Isaac Patrie was given in writing to the Marriage of the Bachelors.
The Curate of Isaac Patrie
was given in writing to the Marriage of the Brides.

According to the Use of the Book of Common Prayer

This Marriage was celebrated between us Isaac Patrie
Isaac Patrie In the presence of Isaac Patrie
Isaac Patrie By Isaac Patrie Celebrating Minister

Australia Cemetery Index, 1808-2007 for Harriet M Petrie	
- HARTLEY	Francis John. 17.10.1962,91y. Father & grandfather
- HOLMES	William C.T. 28.II.1962,82y. Husband & father
- HOLMES	Florence M. 29.II.1976,95y. Mother & wife of above
- DENNIS	Arthur Lionel. 16.12.1962,51y. Husband & father
- SODEN	Reg. 12.12.1962,47y. Husband,father & Pop. "Perky"
- SODEN	Eileen. 20.5.1985,67y
- PETRIE	Harriet M. 18.II.1962,60y. Wife & mother

Harriet died 18 November 1962 age 60.

MOLONG EXPRESS FRIDAY, JANUARY 9,

OBITUARY

Mary Jane Petrie

The death took place at Molong District Hospital on Sunday last of Mary Jane Petrie, at the age of 83 years.

The late Mrs. Petrie was a well known and highly respected resident of Garra, where she was born and resided all her life.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, and was married to Mr. Albert Petrie, of Garra, in 1897.

Deceased was a keen church worker.

Besides her sorrowing husband, deceased leaves four sons and one daughter—Dudley (Bathurst), William (Dubbo), Bert (Molong), Lance (Garra), and Doris (Mrs. Conroy, Yeoval). One daughter, Ida, predeceased her.

All her seven brothers and one sister predeceased her.

The funeral which took place on Monday afternoon, was large and representative, the interment taking place in the Church of England portion of the Garra cemetery. Rev. S. S. V. Gaden, of Molong, conducted the burial service.

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Mother of Will Petrie.

THE WAY WE WERE



Stanwell cordials were originally owned by Doug and Margaret Andrews. Peter Hale worked there during his holidays in Dubbo.

THE WAY WE WERE



Peter with Doug Andrews
(Naomi's Father)

Guests of the Sydney Swans Football Club 1991

Our USA Family branch



This is the story of Lars/Lawrence and Petrine Neilson and their three sons, Neil, Hans Peter, and Jorgen/John who came from Denmark to New Zealand in 1875/5. They settled in Le Bons Bay near Akaroa in the South Island to start with. Lawrence and Petrine divorced when he caught her with another man. The story goes that Lawrence eventually went to America taking Hans Peter with him, he wanted to take John as well but New Zealand was in flood at the time and John had to climb a tree to stay safe he missed the boat and they sailed without him. John and Neil stayed with Petrine who eventually remarried John Balkwill. Lawrence had a Florist in America and my Auntie Tess among others used to write to him at one time but all is lost now. I would like to find our American cousins. Neil was a boatbuilder and stayed in New Zealand. John immigrated to Albany, Western Australia in 1912 with his family of which I am one.

Bethwyn Gawned originally shared this

THE WAY WE WERE

21 May 2011 story



Petrine Neilson



Hans Peter went to the USA Nabraska with his father Lawrence and married twice. Pictured with his second wife Mabel.

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CAMPBELL

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, October 11th. Their children held open house at the Campbell community hall.



Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson

A poem, depicting highlights of the Nelson's fifty years together was read:

A Tribute To Mom and Dad
Mom and Dad have been married for 50 years
They've had some good laughs
and of course a few tears
But all in all the years have been good
We honor them today and we're glad we could.
Now when my folks were married, they were in quite a fix
For they started right off with a family of six
And even though they were considered quite poor
What should happen but along came two more

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But they added a room here and
another one there
So they had enough space with
a little to spare.
For 55 years Dad has called
that house—home
No wonder we all like to return
when we roam.
Now Dad will soon be 91
And when I think of all the
work he's done
Why, he's worked on most every
kind of machine
On the railroad, in the mill,
built roads and had a thresh-
ing machine;
And while doing this, built a
greenhouse with his own two
hands
And I'm sorry to say it no longer
stands
For many fond memories it
holds for me
I just close my eyes and a whole
new world I see.
Especially in winter when it was
bleak and cold
Just walk in the greenhouse and
whole new world would unfold
The pretty flowers and the
warm moist air
Sometimes I wish that I could
still be there.
Used to rush home from school
most every day
And out to the greenhouse I'd
go to play
Once I played in the sand where
Dad had just planted new seeds
I pulled out the flowers and
thought they were weeds
But of course I didn't know
And realize now all kids must
be taught as older they grow
People from far and near came
to buy and to see
And enjoy the flowers the same
as we.
And now that it's gone it makes
me real sad
Was such a part of dear old Dad
And he was a soldier in the
Spanish-American War
Not many of those old vets
around any more.
And Mom, bless her heart

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Not many of those old vets
around any more.
And Mom, bless her heart
Lot's of things around here in
which she's done her part
There's many a person in this
old town
When they needed help found
Mom around.
She cares for the sick, the aged
and poor
Or someone just lonely found
Mom at the door
If there are people who wear
stars in their crown
I'm sure Mom will have some
when they're passed around
For she is a christian, as good
as can be
And sets a straight path to be
followed by me.
And of course we had fun as
the years went by
The folks probably remember
this with a mighty big sigh
Once they loaded us down in a
model "T"
And off to Salt Lake—what a
sight to see
Went fishing, took trips and had
fun on the way
Seemed like folks had more time
then than folks do today.
Yes, they'll leave their mark for
a long time to come
Because of the work and the
good things they've done
So we're gathered together here
today
To honor them in this simple
way
And now I think that it's easy
to see
Why I'm proud to be part of
this family.
—by Mrs. Ray Holmberg
Out of town guests attending

THE WAY WE WERE

Below: Lars (Lawrence) and Petrine's family members
Denmark.

THE OFFICE RECORDING THE MARRIAGE SHALL BE IN THE PRESENCE OF TWO WITNESSES AND SHALL BE DONE WITHIN TWO DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE MARRIAGE.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE: County of Louis Marriage Return License No. 2018
City or Town of Chanhio Minister and Officiant: Pastor John A. SEP 25 1920


GROOM		BRIDE	
Full Name: <u>Lars Lawrence</u>	Full Name: <u>Ella May Sestill</u>		
Residence: <u>Chicago Illinois</u>	Residence: <u>Chicago Illinois</u>		
Age at last birthday: <u>30</u> Years	Age at last birthday: <u>36</u> Years		
Color of Hair: <u>White</u>	Color of Hair: <u>White</u>		
Complexion: <u>Light</u>	Complexion: <u>Light</u>		
Height: <u>5'10"</u>	Height: <u>5'10"</u>		
Weight: <u>150</u> lbs	Weight: <u>150</u> lbs		
Marital Status: <u>Single</u>	Marital Status: <u>Single</u>		
Parents: <u>John Lawrence</u>	Parents: <u>John Sestill</u>		
Occupation: <u>Lawyer</u>	Occupation: <u>Teacher</u>		
Religion: <u>Methodist</u>	Religion: <u>Methodist</u>		
Marriage License: <u>2018</u>	Marriage License: <u>2018</u>		
Minister's Name: <u>John A. Sestill</u>	Minister's Name: <u>John A. Sestill</u>		
Minister's Residence: <u>Chicago Illinois</u>	Minister's Residence: <u>Chicago Illinois</u>		
Minister's Marital Status: <u>Single</u>	Minister's Marital Status: <u>Single</u>		
Minister's Birthplace: <u>Chicago Illinois</u>	Minister's Birthplace: <u>Chicago Illinois</u>		

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the above is a true and correct copy of the original record.

DATE OF MARRIAGE: September 25, 1920 OFFICIAL: John A. Sestill
OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS: 1077 Chanhio, Va. Chanhio, Va. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: John A. Sestill

Filed: SEP 25 1920 19

Lars Sestill	16	40	G	Lutheran	Christ Church	Harvard
Petrine Jørgensen	36	36	G	Lutheran	Christ Church	Harvard
Harriet Marie Jørgensen	11	11	F	Lutheran	Christ Church	Larson
Juli Sestill	16	9	F	Lutheran	Christ Church	Larson
Jørgen Hansen Sestill	11	5	F	Lutheran	Christ Church	Larson
Pini Sestill	11	42	G	Lutheran	Christ Church	Griffin
Johanne Marie Jørgensen	11	48	G	Lutheran	Christ Church	Griffin
Petrine Marie Jørgensen	11	4	F	Lutheran	Christ Church	Larson

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All persons in the household Odense, Vends, Harndrup, Harrendrup Sogns Udflyttere, et Huus, 131, FT-1834, C7512						
Name:	Age:	Marital status:	Pos. in household:	Occupation:	Birth place:	
Jørgen Hansen	41	Gift		Huusmand og Dagleier		
Johanne Pedersdatter	40	Gift		hans Kone		
Maren Jørgensdatter	15	Ugift		deres Barn		
Hans Jørgensen	12	Ugift		deres Barn		
Jens Jørgensen	10	Ugift		deres Barn		
Bodil Marie Jørgensdatter	7	Ugift		deres Barn		
Petrine Jørgensen	1	Ugift		deres Barn		

Denmark household with 1-year-old Petrine

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H. P. NELSON, Prop.

State of Colorado
Division of Vital Statistics
No. 60444

MARRIAGE RECORD REPORT

County DENVER

Husband's Name NELSON, HANS F. Age - Race W

Wife's Name FISH, MABEL A. Age - Race W

Place of Marriage DENVER COLO Date 10-7-14

Name of Official who Performed Ceremony W A RICE

Title JP Address DENVER COLO

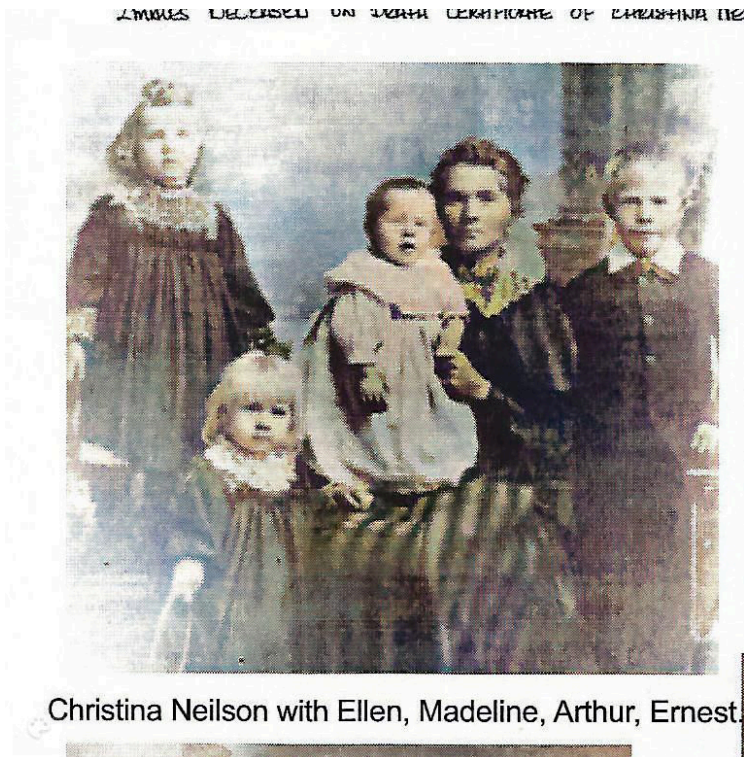
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Hans Peter married Mabel (Second marriage)

Albany Family Tragedy.



Below: Christina and their children and below the very sad story of Christina's passing in 1916



THE WAY WE WERE

Christina drowning at the beach between Middleton Beach and Emu Point. A man on horseback found her with her hat off and one shoe missing, she had had an argument with her husband the day previous but had lost twins before. The death certificate says "She drowned whilst in a state of despondency" Pretty sad.

When Christina Elizabeth Fraser was born on 18 May 1868 in Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, her father, Christopher, was 29, and her mother, Christina, was 33. She married John Hans Neilson in 1892 in New Zealand. They had 12 children in 30 years. She died on 23 January 1916 in Albany, Western Australia, at the age of 47, and was buried there.

Christina had twin boys who died

Name: Christina Fraser

Gender: Female

Birth Date: 18 May 1868

Birth Place: Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland

Father: Christopher Fraser

Mother: Christina Johnson

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FHL Film Number: 6035516

THE INQUEST.

The adjourned inquest on the body of the woman **Christina Neilson**, who was found drowned on Middleton Beach on Sunday last, was concluded on Thursday before the Coroner (Mr. A. E. Burt) and a jury comprising Messrs. J. S. Deykin (foreman), M. B. Downes and A. Roberts.

Constable Kuhlken conducted the inquiry for the police.

Dr. Blackburne, District Medical Officer, deposed that on Monday, January 24, he conducted at the morgue a post mortem examination on the body of a female, whom he believed to be **Christina Neilson**, and found that the organs were healthy. The usual signs of death from drowning were present, but not very marked, probably because she was not a robust person. There were no signs of violence on the body. There were two small bruises, one on each upper arm, which had probably been caused a day or two before death, in different ways, or by any one catching hold of her. In his opinion death was due to drowning. Regarding the health of the organs there were marked signs of sluggishness of the bowels, which would cause a person to become easily depressed. When he saw the body first it had been in the water a very short time.

Ellen Agnes Cummins, daughter of

Ellen Agnes Cummins, daughter of deceased, deposed that her mother was staying with her sister prior to Sunday, January 23. Witness also resided in the same house. On Sunday deceased left home with the intention of going to Middleton Beach to attend a picnic with some friends. Witness accompanied deceased for about 100 yards. When parting deceased told witness that she would return about 6 p.m. Deceased did not return and witness did not again see her alive. Previous to leaving the house on Sunday deceased did not seem to be despondent in any way. Witness did not hear deceased state she would like to do away with herself owing to her boy going to the war.

To the Coroner: She believed her parents had a bit of a difference on the previous Friday.

To the jury: Deceased left for the beach along Frederick-street, and went towards the Marine Drive.

Walter H. F. Nesbitt, butcher, deposed that he knew deceased. On Sunday, January 23, he was driving on the Marine Drive, between 11.35 a.m. and noon, and passed Mrs. Neilson about half a mile from the Esplanade Hotel going towards the beach. It would be about 11.45 or 11.50 a.m. when he saw her. Deceased was walking at a fair pace. He did not speak to deceased, who was wearing a black hat and veil.

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Donald Lewis McColl, laborer, deposed that on Sunday, January 23, about 1.40 p.m., he was going to Funt Point on horseback. Riding along the beach, he noticed something like a patch of weeds close to the water's edge, and getting closer he found the body of a woman in the water. He tied his horse up, and went into the water and recovered the body, pulling it on the beach. The woman was dead. He then caused a report to be made to the police.

Constable Turner gave evidence of removing the body to the morgue from a spot a mile to the south of Funt Point. A hat and one shoe were missing from the body.

John Neilson, husband of deceased, deposed that he was a farmer residing at Rocky Crossing, about 5½ miles from Albany. He gave evidence of identification of the body, which was that of his wife, Christina Neilson. Deceased resided with him on the farm and left to come to town on January 21 to meet her daughter, who was coming from Kalgoorlie. He was at his daughter's place in Frederick-street about 11 a.m. Deceased was there at the time but witness did not see her as she was in Mrs. Strickland's bedroom. He stayed at Strickland's about 10 minutes and then left for home. There was no reason why

hope. There was no reason why he did not see his wife, although she was downhearted when she left home owing to her son having gone to the war, and another wanting to go. He and deceased got on well together although they had little tiffs at times, but nothing of a serious nature. There was a slight difference between them on January 21, 1915, when his wife left for town. Owing to his wife's despondency he told her she had better go and stay with her daughter till she got better. Deceased never showed any signs of despondency until her son went to the war. She never said or did anything that led him to believe she would take her life. He could not tell how deceased got into the water. He never got hold of deceased to cause the marks on the arms referred to by the doctor. He had been married for 27 years.

Deceased showed the short rest that "That" death by was a fit of

Christina drowning at the beach between Middleton Beach

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and Emu Point. A man on horseback found her with her hat off and one shoe missing, she had had an argument with her husband the day previous but had lost twins before. The death certificate says "She drowned whilst in a state of despondency" Pretty sad.

When Christina Elizabeth Fraser was born on 18 May 1868 in Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, her father, Christopher, was 29, and her mother, Christina, was 33. She married John Hans Neilson in 1892 in New Zealand. They had 12 children in 30 years. She died on 23 January 1916 in Albany, Western Australia, at the age of 47, and was buried there.

Christina had twin boys who died

Name: Christina Fraser

Gender: Female

Birth Date: 18 May 1868

Birth Place: Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland

Father: Christopher Fraser

Mother: Christina Johnson

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FHL Film Number: 6035516

Peter Hale: Mother side Olive Hale. Including Cumming, Nielson, Frazer

It was reported that John had an affair with a Chinese woman in Albany and when wife Christina found out, she threw a kettle at him in an argument the night before her death

Family Scandal.



My grandmother left her family in England to runaway to Australia with my grandfather Hale

Peter Granddad Fred Archi Hale's first wife. Frederick (grandfather) was married to Phyllis Baraham in 1892 and they had six children the last being born in 1903. Granddad met my grandmother, Alice Mary Hunt and they had an affair. She was married at the time to Edward Griffin and he filed for divorce in 1909. They left England in November 1909 for Australia. I have been trying to find out where and when Herbert was born but all the

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information I can get is that he was born in 1910.



My grandfather Frederick pictured left with his sister and brother Theo

Frederick Hale was not a good boy !

He started gambling and took regular trips to Bristol to the crap tables and struck up an affair with a married lady called Alice. In 1909 he and Alice left the Uk on a boat to Sydney called the Port Augusta and the passenger lists them as Mr & Mrs Hale but we know that isn't true because he was still married to my G. Grandmother. It was a 7-week journey, docked in 1910 and settled in Merredin at 4 pumping station lane.

We do know he had several children before he died in

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1919.(7)

My grandmother never saw her father again. He just never came home one day .

They always lived as Mr & Mrs Hale but no one has found a marriage certificate for their marriage and it is assumed Alice and himself never did marry as they had entered Australia

Story from his English granddaughter

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Heath and Hangrath Family Tree

Owned by Janice1001

Maria Heath*

BIRTH 27 Nov 1855 Clifton, Gloucestershire, England

DEATH abt 1905 Clifton, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England **1873**

 sources (14)  records (14)

Family Info

Father	John Chilcott Heath No. 2 (1825-1905)
Mother	Mary Gunson (1817-1896)
Spouse	William Hunt (1851-1903) Married 1878
Children	Alice Mary Heath (1879-1960) Clara (1881-) (1885-) William John (1896-1907) Jessie Muriel (1900-1915)

Alice's parents details.

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Above my grandfather Frederick Hale English family he left behind.

Grand Dad left England with Gran to Australia in 1909.

Family left behind Father

Thomas Frederick Hale (1828–1910)

Mother

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Sarah Gould Philipps (1838–1896)

Spouse

Phyllis Baraham (1875–1953)

Married 1892

Children

Frederick Archebald (1893–1969)

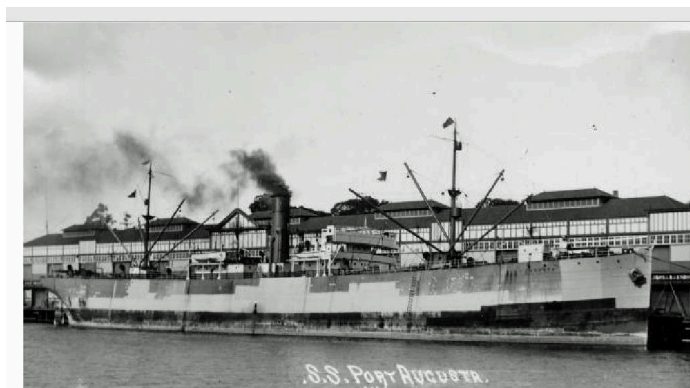
Edward (1895–1965)

Phyllis E (1899–1937)

Dorothy (1901–1986)

Gladys (1903–1992)

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Frederick and Alice came to Australia in 1909 on this ship.

Photos - Fred Archi Hale Census 1901 Eng.jpg

Frederick Hale	Head	No	35	1	Machinist Engineer
Phyllis	Wife	No	26		
Frederick	Son		4		Schooler
Edward	Son		6		do
Phyllis	Daughter		1		
Emily Gay	Wife				General for Brookfield
John Matilda Hursey	Head	Ma	68		Living on own means
Alexis	Daughter		35		
Thomas Hale	Boarder	No	58		Electrician
Frederick Mabel Case	Head		22		Electrician
Arthur Robert Chapley	Boarder		23		Electrician
Henry James Myatt	Head	No	64		Living on own means

Frederick's English family in Census 1901

My family always believed Frederick Hale left with his mistress to go to America. It wasn't until I started researching that it transpired he went to Australia. No one knew this. My grandmother (Edwards's sister) never knew why Edward went to Australia and now we know, he

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found his father and went over to be close to him but sadly spent decades in an institution. I'd rather records stayed in the family and there are no Hale family left here in the immediate family so you and your family makes perfect sense to have the documents and photos Jackie x (English family)



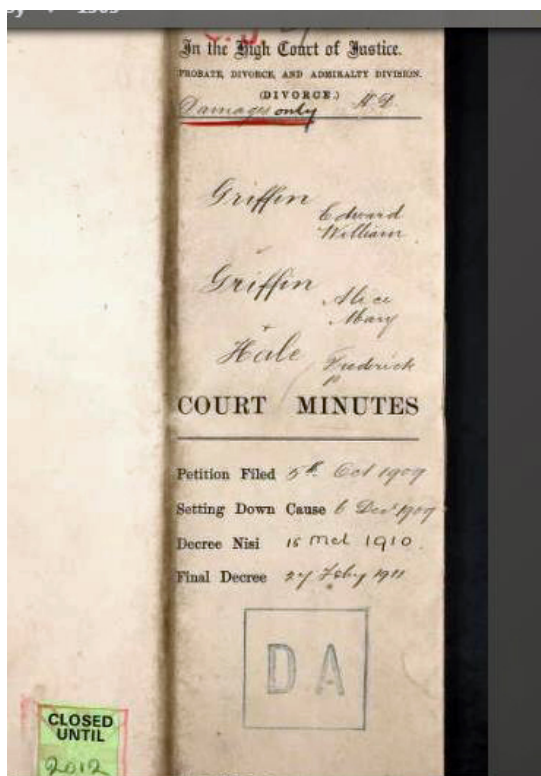
Frederick is pictured with his sister Bertha, Brother Theo and mother and father.

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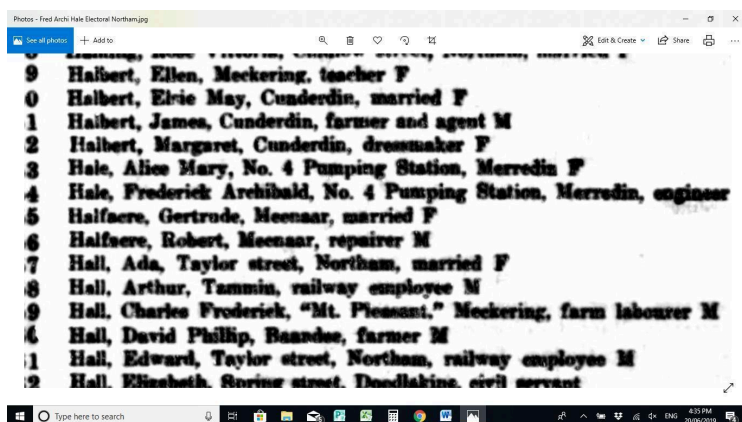
They settled in Merredin shown on map in green.

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Gran was divorced by her English husband (Griffin)

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Electoral roll with Frederick and Alice.

Pumping Station No. 4 where Frederick and Alice lived.

It is now just a series of buildings but, regarding the history of Merredin and the Eastern Goldfields, it is a vital milestone in opening up the area. Today three pumping stations can be seen 3 km west of Merredin. The first was completed in April 1902. It was different from the other seven pumping stations (there were eight in total) along C Y O'Connor's famous pipeline - it had a circular, rather than a rectangular, receiving tank which held 4.5 million liters. In the 1950s it was replaced by an electric pump station and in 2001 an automated third-generation pump station, costing \$7.5 million, was built. The National Trust has published an excellent book - The Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail Guide - which is worth purchasing if you are interested in the fascinating history of C Y

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O'Connor's remarkable achievement.

UK, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960 for F Hale
London > 1909 > November

Bring to 2, all take 1/2 28 1/2

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1906, and ALIENS ACT, 1905.

OUTGOING PASSENGERS.

Returns of Passengers leaving the United Kingdom in ships bound for Places out of Europe, and not within the Mediterranean Sea.

Note:—All Passengers carried by such ships are to be included, whether proceeding to European or non-European ports. 1st Class, 2nd Class, and 3rd Class Passengers are to be entered in separate groups. Children born of alien parents in the United Kingdom should be entered in the alien portion of the Return, and the fact that they were so born should be stated in the nationality column.

Port of Departure *London* Date of Departure *17 November 1909*

Ship's Name	Official Number	Steamship Line	Master's Name	Registered Tonnage	Aggregate Number of male Adult, and in the several compartments are apart for Passengers, other than Cabin Passengers.	Total Number of Passengers, exclusive of Steerage, Cabin, and Cabin Passengers, which the Ship can legally carry.	Where Bound
PORT AUGUSTA	122696	<i>W. & A. Watson & Co.</i>	<i>J. Linn</i>	2887		12	<i>Adelaide Melbourne Sydney</i>

I hereby Certify that the Returns actually taken on board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act, for *60* Statute Adults for a voyage of *40* days.

Date *17-11-1909* (Signature) *J. Linn* Master

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

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				Age	Sex	Age	Sex	Age	Sex	Age	Sex	Age	Sex	
<i>London</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>B. Hale</i>	<i>1/2</i>											<i>Spain</i>
	<i>-</i>	<i>M. Hale</i>	<i>1/2</i>											

Gran and Pops shipping record England to Australia.

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Our War Heroes World Wars 1 & 2



Patients at Nelly Hospital - England
above me with the X

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Soldiers to heaven.

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Heading off to World War 1 troops in Albany 1916.



World War 1 troops leaving Albany 1915.

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Soldier emblem WW1 Melville Cumming.



Pop & Gran Ellen and Melville Cumming with my mum
Olive and Robert.

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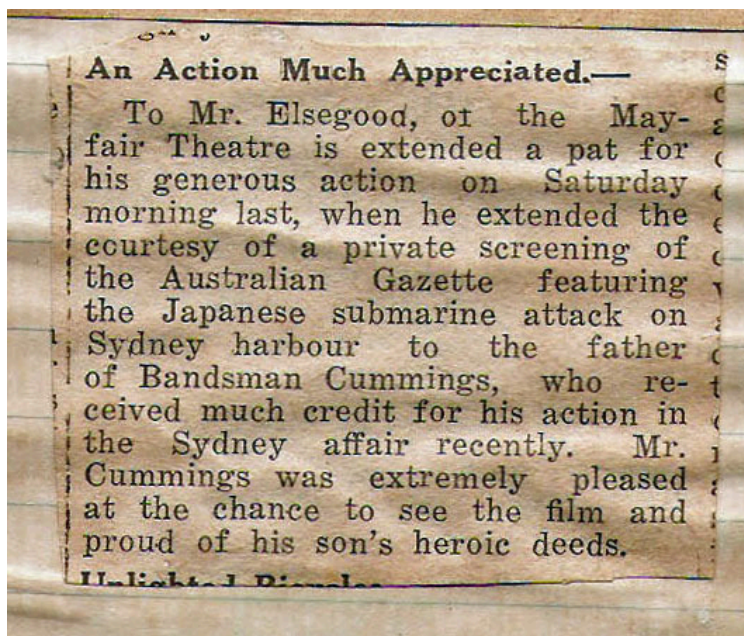


Pop in London town 1917.



Bravery award above and below Father and son Melville
and Robert

both awarded for bravery



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Pop Cumming found these on the battle field France

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Melville and Roys mum



Very sad

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Soldier emblem for Roy Cumming.

CUMMING, Pte. Wallace Roy, 1953B. 4th
Australian Pioneers. Died of wounds 30th June,
1917. Age 28. Son of Duncan Roy Cumming
and Margaret Cumming. Native of Fremantle,
Western Australia. III. D. 139. *Done ✓*

Melville Cumming brother Roy in World War 1 June
30th 1917

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In Memory Of
Private

WALLACE ROY CUMMING

Service Number: 19538

4th, Australian Pioneers who died on 30 June 1917 Age 28

Son of Duncan Roy Cumming and Margaret Cumming, Native of Fremantle, Western Australia.

HE DIED A HERO LOVED BY ALL

Remembered with Honour

BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, NORD

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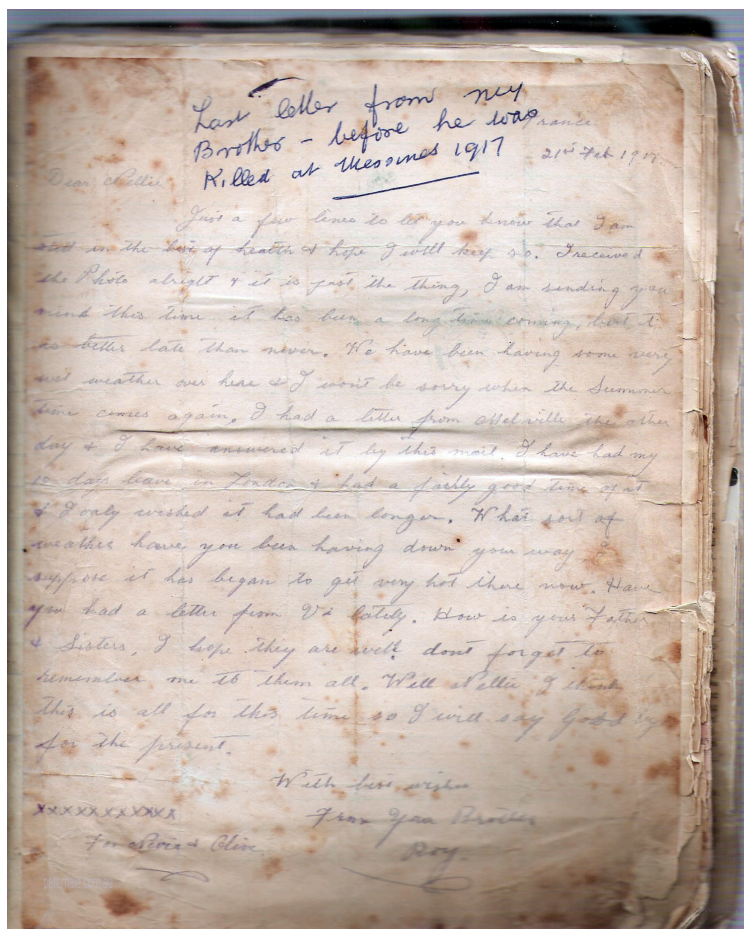
The warship Roy was on.

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Melville Robert brother Roy Who was killed in WW1
1917

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Roy's final letter before killed at war

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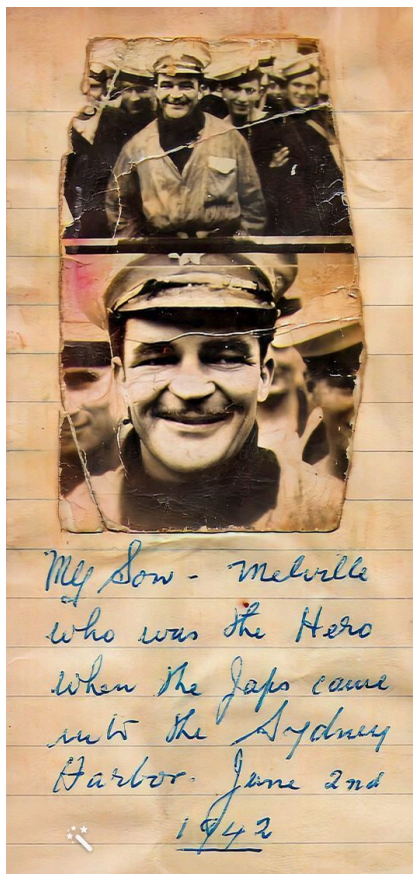
Roy Cummings grave.



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My Son - Melville
who was the Hero
when the Japs came
into the Sydney
Harbor. June 2nd
1942

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MR AND MRS CUMMING
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MELVILLE

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Melville coming home on leave

24 SEP 1945
BUNBURY.

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Bob Melville Cumming



Earnest Neilson hat ribbon for soldier uniform WW1.

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Taken from a hill above Albany, this photograph shows some transports and their escorting cruisers anchored in the safe harbour of King George Sound, as well as the fringes of the town. A ship, perhaps the Benalla, can be seen docked at the Albany jetty; to the right are two cruisers. [AWM PS0104]

Above ships to take the soldiers to WW1 from Albany including Earnest Neilson my mothers uncle and my

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grans brother.



My uncle Earnest Neilson.

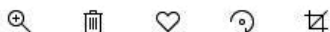
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Ernest is listed on the Albany war memorial.



Ernest Neilson



NEILSON.—In loving memory of our darling son and brother, Corporal Ernest Neilson, killed in action on October 12, 1917.

Sleep on, dear brother, in your distant grave,
You died for those you tried to save;

Inserted by his loving father, sisters, Tom, Mona, and Nancy, brothers Arthur and Jack, of Albany. New Zealand papers please copy.

NEILSON.—In loving memory of our darling brother, Corporal Ernest Neilson New Zealand Forces, killed in action October 12, 1917.

Now with angels he is marching,

With bright laurels on his brow;

He has for his country fallen,

And our debts do him endow.

Inserted by his loving sister, Nell, and brother-in-law, Melville Cumming (on active service). New Zealand papers please copy.

NEILSON.—In fond memory of our dear brother, Corporal Ernest Neilson, killed in action near Ypres on October 12, 1917.

He smiled when we last saw him,

As he waved his last farewell;

He did his share of fighting,

Then our darling brother fell.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Madeline and Will, Strickland. New Zealand papers please copy.

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Ernest Neilson

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New Zealand, World War I Service Records, 19

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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

X1A/889
6/3/11

ATTESTATION OF

No. 6/3/11 Name: Neilson Ernest Regiment or Unit:

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT BEFORE ENLISTMENT.

1. What is your name? Ernest Neilson
2. Where were you born? Stadstone Idg. near Freymantle
3. Are you a British subject? Yes
4. What is the date of your birth? 28 July 1889
5. What is your trade or calling? Cushman
6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? No
7. What was the address at which you last resided? Stadstone
8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? No
9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? P. O. Gilson & Co. Stadstone Idg.
10. Are you married? No
11. Have you been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? No
12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? No
13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. No
14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? Yes
15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? No
16. Have you ever been rejected or unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated? Yes
18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European War and for each further period as it is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? Yes

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O. of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Ernest Neilson, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

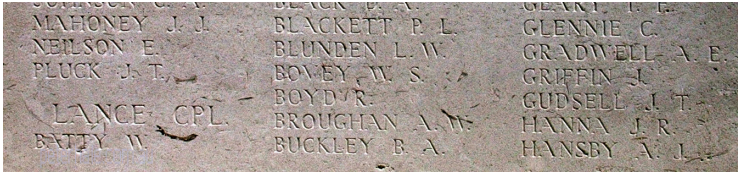
Signature of Recruit: Ernest Neilson
Signature of Witness: W. H. G. Smith

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

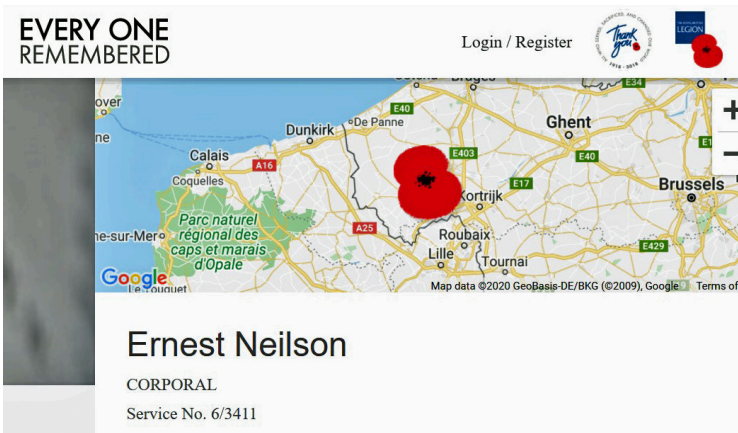
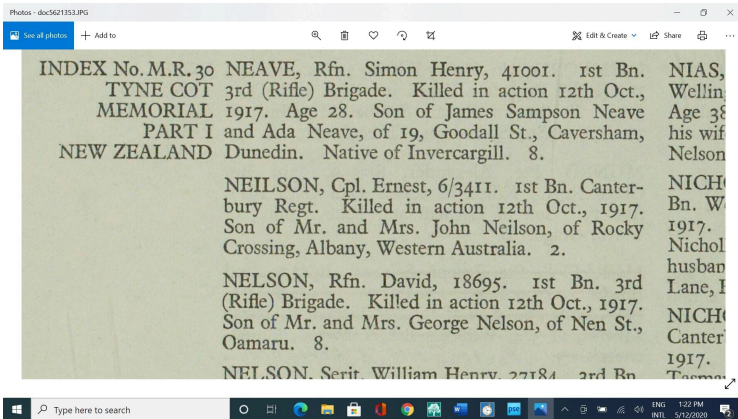
I, Ernest Neilson, do solemnly promise and swear that I will faithfully and obediently serve the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So

Ernest enlistment World War 1

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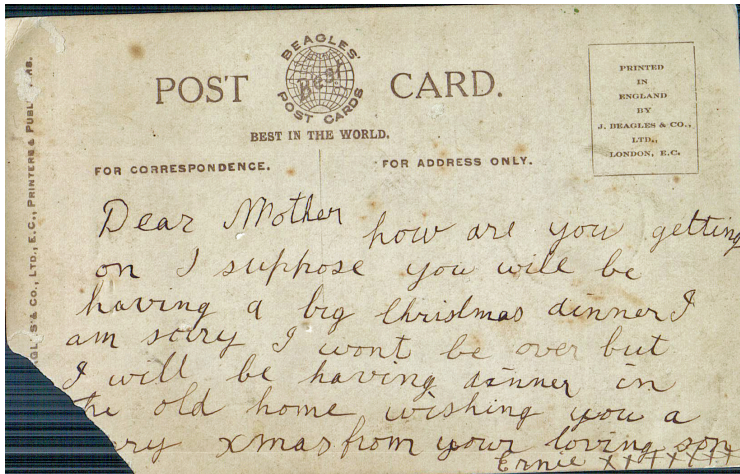


Ernest grave listing.



Ernest death location map

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Ernest to his mother Christina.

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In Memory Of
Corporal

ERNEST NEILSON

Service Number: 6/3411

1st Bn., Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F. who died on 12 October 1917

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neilson, of Rocky Crossing, Albany, Western Australia.

Remembered with Honour

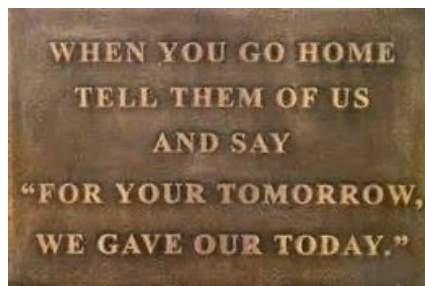
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Cumming Family



Pop with his hearing aid (Now I've got one) and my beloved Gran Melville and Ellen Cumming.

- **Melville Cumming Birth**
- **Timeline:**
- 1890 • Fremantle
- 1890

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- (AGE)
- Birth of Brother Andrew Cumming(1892–1978)
- 1 AUG 1892 • Gruting, Bridge of Walls, SHI, SCT
- 1892
- 2
- Death of Father Duncan Roy Cumming(1846–1908)
- 25 May 1908 • Gruting, Sandsting. Duncan, son.
- 1908
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- Birth of Son Robert Melville Cumming(1914–1961)
- 29 Jan 1914 • Albany Western Australia
- 1914

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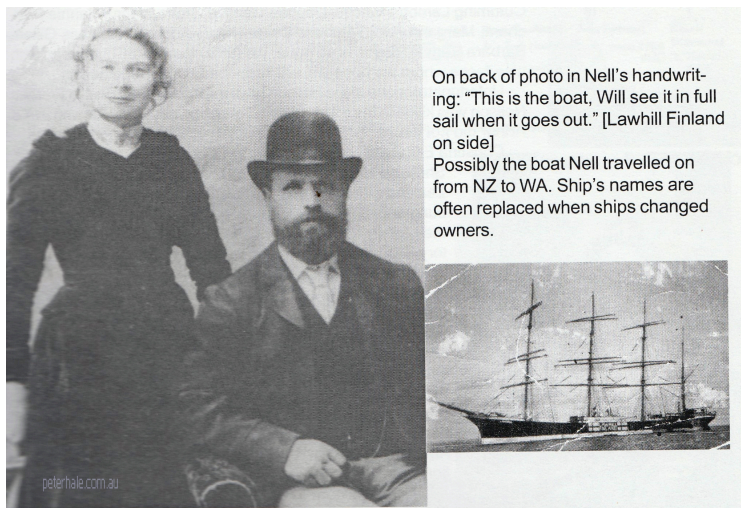
- 24
- Death of Mother Margaret Henry(1869–1914)
- 16 SEP 1914 • Chapelside, Gruting, Bridge of Walls, SHI, SCT
- 1914
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- Birth of Daughter Olive Christina Margaret Cumming(1915–2005)
- JUN 1915 • Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, Australia
- 1915
- 25
- Birth and Death of Son Ernest Roy Cumming(1920–1920)

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- 1920 • , Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, Australia
- 1920
- 30
- Death of Son Robert Melville Cumming(1914–1961)
- 1961
- 1961
- 71
- Death of Wife Ellen Agnes Neilson(1893–1976)
- 22 Dec 1976 • Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia
- 1976
- 86
- Death

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• 07/06/1977 • Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia .



Ellens parents John and Christina.

When my Great Gran Christina Nielson died in 1916 Albany. Her daughter (My Gran) Ellen had just given birth to my mother (Olive) . Just when she needed her mother. Gran was a strong beautiful soul had to bring up her younger sisters. Gran also lost her brother Earnest killed in Belgium during the war the following year .

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Pops mother Margaret Melville (Cumming) I cant find his dads photo.

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The funeral of an old friend, the late Mrs. Margaret Cumming, who was born in Perth 25 years ago, took place on the 18th inst., and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The services were held from 10 to 11 A.M. at O'Dea's private mortuary in Perth and proceeded to the National Cemetery at Kalamazoo, where the remains were interred, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. H. B. Cox. The chief mourners were Mr. Ben Cumming and Mr. Schellie Cumming (sons); Mrs. Anna Shaw and Mrs. A. E. Cummings (daughters); Mr. H. Schellie (brother); Mrs. W. H. Haring (sister-in-law); Mr. A. E. Cummings, Dr. W. Martin, Mr. Nathan Cumming and Mr. E. Fuller (brothers-in-law); Messrs. William, John, Albert, and Arthur Haring; E. Fuller, John Thomas and Robert Shaw (nephews). The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Chamberlain, J. Thompson, N. Simpson, A. E. Shaw, W. F. Haring and G. Haring. Friends and Social visitors were received from a large number of friends. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Haring and O'Dea.

Margaret Melville Cumming notice.

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Andrew Cumming (1781 -)

3rd great-grandfather



Erasmus Cumming (1812 - 1897)

Son of Andrew Cumming



Duncan Roy Cumming (1846 - 1908)

Son of Erasmus Cumming



Melville Robert Cumming (1890 - 1977)

Son of Duncan Roy Cumming



Olive Christina Margaret Cumming (1915 - 2005)

Daughter of Melville Robert Cumming



Peter Robert Hale

You are the son of Olive Christina Margaret Cumming

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WE PART
TO MEET AGAIN

MARGARET CUMMING.

DIED 9th JANUARY 1914.
AGED 51 YEARS.

"HER LIFE WAS ALL UNSELFISHNESS
HER END WAS PERFECT PEACE".

Recordset Western Australia Death Index

First name(s) Melville Robert

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Last name Cumming

Death year 1977

Birth year 1891

State Western Australia

Country Australia

Place Fremantle

Mother's first name(s) Margaret

Father's first name(s) Duncan

Registration number 417/77

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Ellen Cumming (Neilson) with children (My mum)
Olive, and uncle Bob.

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My mother Olive Cumming Hale Baptism.

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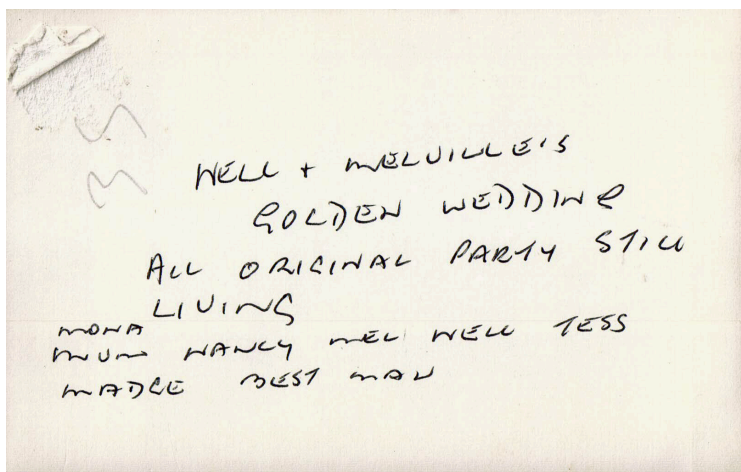
ert Melville married Ellen Agnes Neilso
h August 1913 in Albany WA

Gran and Pop wedding 1913 in Albany WA.



All original wedding party Gran and Pop Cumming
reunion.

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Pictured above.

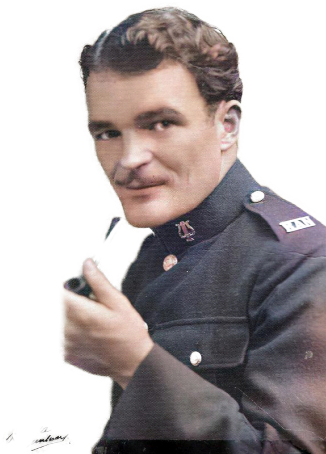
When Melville Robert Cumming was born in 1890 in Fremantle, Western Australia, his father, Duncan, was 44 and his mother, Margaret, was 21. He had three children with Ellen Agnes Neilson. He died in 1977 in his hometown at the age of 87.

Peter Hale: Mother side Olive Hale. Including Cumming, Nielson, Frazer

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My mother Olive Cumming around the time of being
Miss Albany 1931.



Above and below: Mums brother Melville Robert
Cumming.

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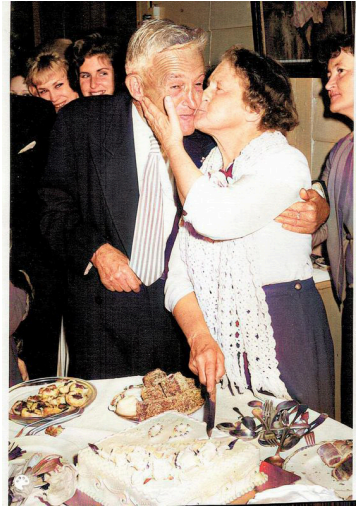
Ellen and Melville with my mum Olive Cumming and
Melville Robert.

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Robert Melville at our Mt Hawthorn home Perth maybe
the only time I met him.

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Fantastic wedding anniversary.



Above and below: Pop and gran later in life 1970s.

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Younger Gran and Pop.

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Amazing award winner: Father and son goodbye going to WAR1.

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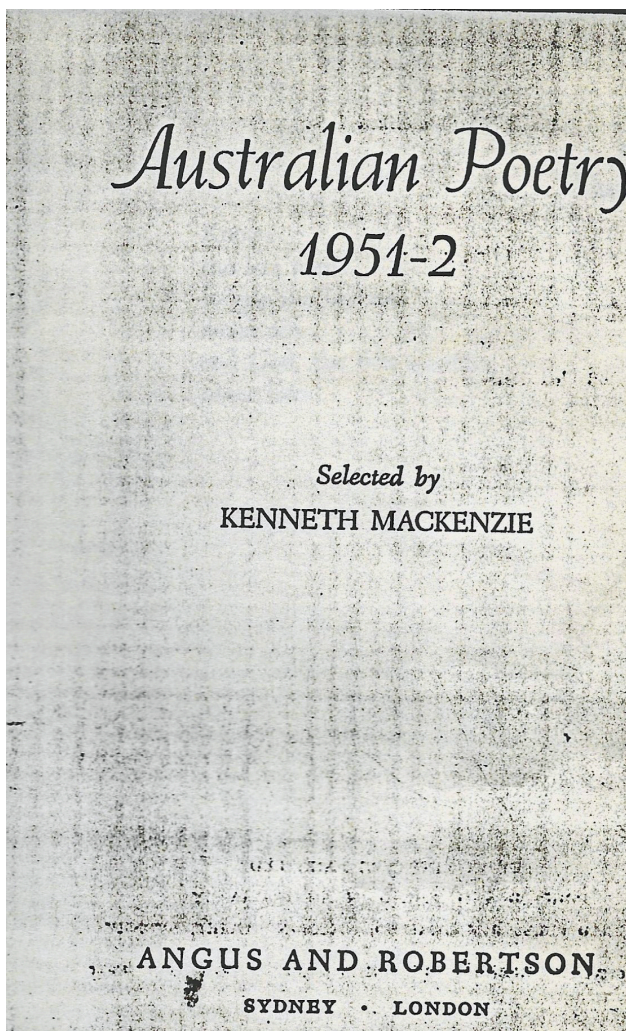
Father and daughter Olive and Melville.

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Family Poet



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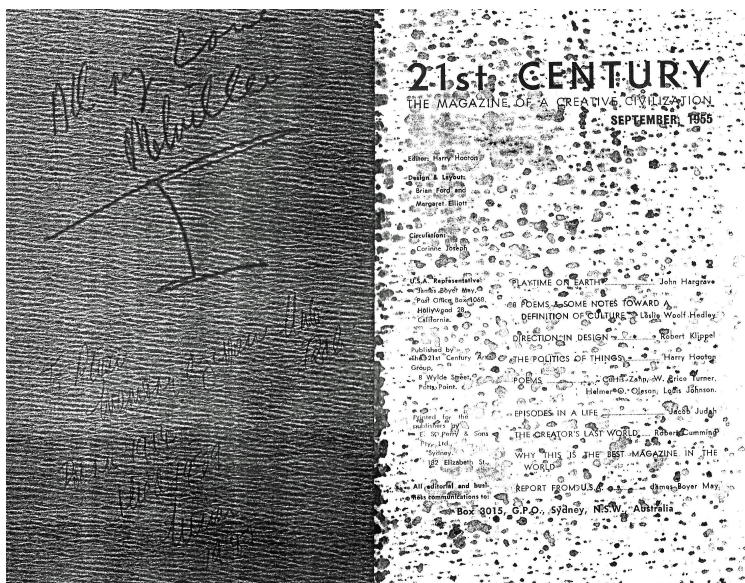


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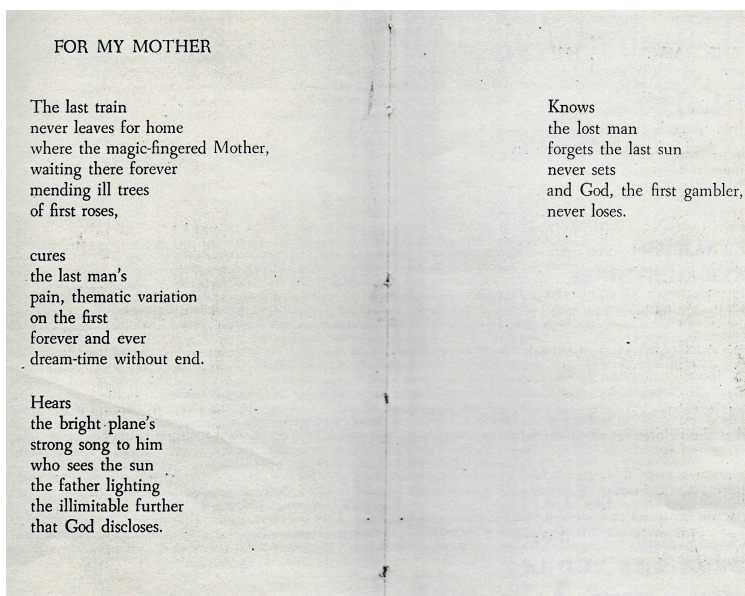


Clockwise from top left: Professor John Anderson; Margaret Fink and Barry Humphries, 1957; Harry Houton (right) and Bob Cumming; Darcy Waters; Robert Hughes; Roelof Smilde.

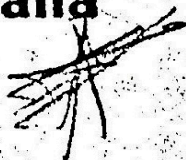
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Above and below were published in September 1950s.



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NON-COCKTAIL PARTY

One said this
another said that,

and boredom
like a hungry rat
ate into our kingdom.

And some yawned
and gazing at clocks
sought freedom;
a bore's repeating clucks
eked slow out our serfdom.

And one said
arising at last,
and who'll come?
Bared teeth at host,
embraced night and fled home.

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Miss Albany 1931



My mother Olive Hale was crowned Miss Albany 1931
aged 16.

MISS ALBANY

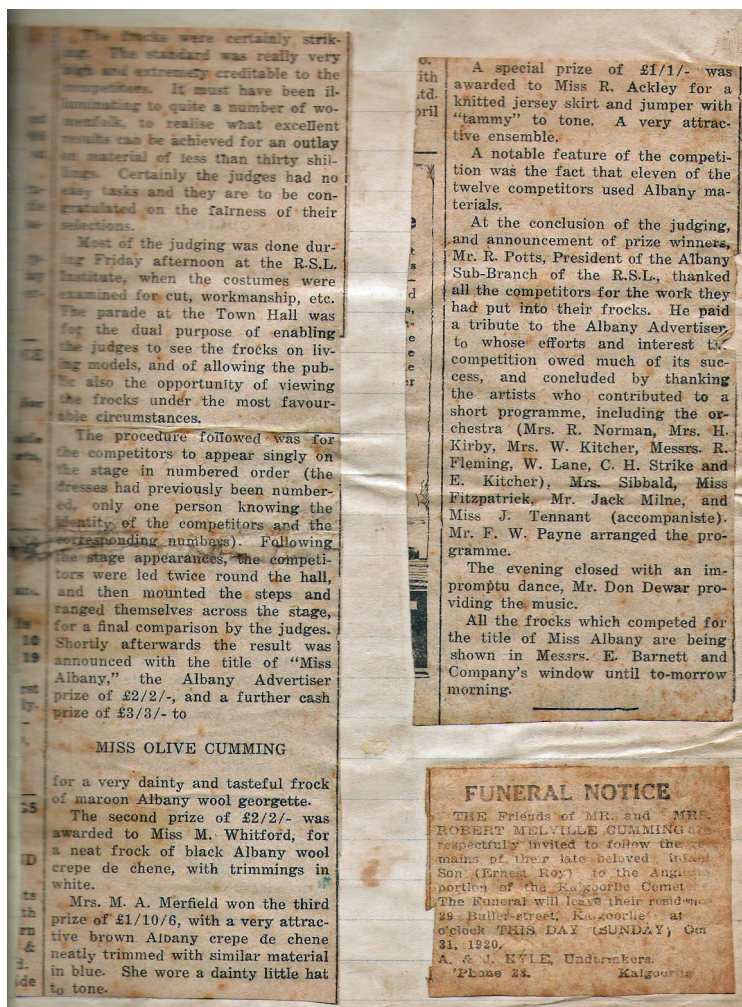
MISS OLIVE CUMMING CHOSEN

GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST.

The Albany Town Hall was packed to capacity on Friday night, when the final judging for the title of "Miss Albany" was concluded, the judges being Mrs. E. Thomas and Misses T. Leggett and M. Payne. Twelve competitors faced the judges. They were:—

- Miss M. Whitford.
- Miss R. Ackley.
- Miss G. Marsh.
- Miss K. Marsh.
- Miss O. Cumming.
- Mrs. M. A. Merfield.
- Miss E. M. Kitcher.
- Miss K. Knaggs.
- Miss J. Knaggs.
- Miss O. Tanner.

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Mum's news items and the tragic death of her brother
Earnest Roy Cumming

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Peter



The Evolution Of Pete

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Peter and his second car 1972 and first new one Honda
Scamp

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My first word spoken was "Bow wow" when Mum and dad drove past the Dingo Flour Mill in 1955.

I left home at age 18 to pursue a Radio DJ career in NSW. My mother and Gran were in South Africa for my cousin Margaret Lambert's wedding. Pictured below

THE WAY WE WERE



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Still at Sea
 Dearest - Maggy
 I love the ship
 they are all Italian
 waiters cleaners
 musicians dancers
 from the P. etc but
 they are a lovely crowd
 the food is wonderful
 I had a head cold when
 I saw eyes so have been
 told the P. they seem
 I will be in Dublin
 tomorrow morning will
 be so exciting to see
 them all. We have
 lovely shows the
 orchestra is wonderful
 but - that are all the
 words on this ship
 will feel - I hope
 you have a lovely
 time in Adelaide

My beautiful grandmother's postcard to her sister
 Magdeline. Sent from the cruise ship 1973.

THE WAY WE WERE

TO END THIS WORKING WEEK your
**Classic Aussie single from 1963, ah
yes "Scarlet" and not O'Hara**



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Classic Aussie Singles - (And Her Name Was) Scarlet

I had guitar lessons from Leo De Kroo in 1973

mag/weekly

Peter celebrates 25 years in media with book release

Dubbo's Peter Hale celebrates 25 years in the media with the release of his book, "Inside the Electronic Media".

He has written a book dedicated to and about his experiences in all fields of the media.

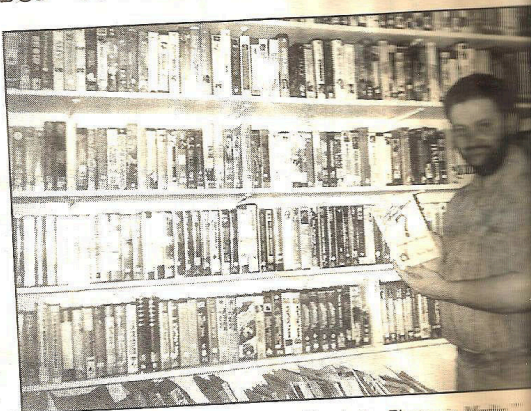
"The book contains a lot about my time with the local media. I was production manager with radio 2DU for two years, I have written twice weekly newspaper columns 'Vocal Image' in the Mailbox Shopper and 'Video Disc' in the Western edition of Sunday. I have

been a writer/producer with Prime Television for the past six years," he said.

"Inside the Electronic Media" explores both avenues of the media, print and electronic, and tries to explain how both operate in the local community.

The book offers explanations and advice to people who may wish to pursue a career in the media.

"There are many of my own personal experiences from my 25 years involvement-my book is largely dedicated to providing advice to those who may want to start a career in the media," Mr Hale said.



□ Peter Hale with his book "Inside the Electronic Media."

"Many of my experiences in the media are from my local involvement and some local history. I spoke to broadcaster Bob Moore about the days of local radio and included the book."

The book is a succinct history, and instruction manual on the media.

Peter Hale grew up in Perth, where he hosted his own television show. He then went on to build a career in radio and television.

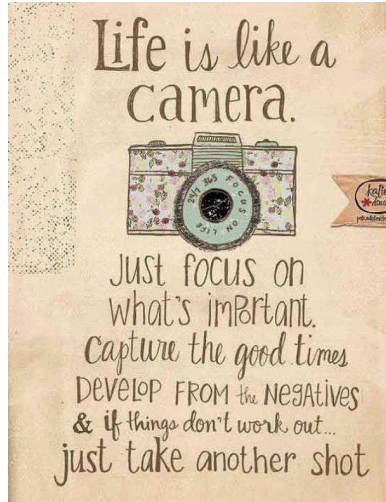
My book published in 1994.

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Esther painted herself 1983

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Peter and Joshua on radio Heritage FM.

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Peter Naomi and second born Esther Ellen 1979



My first girlfriend (Always the romantic) Cathy Simms

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Dear Peter,
I have received
your card from Milwaukee
and so hear from you.
What a beautiful city &
no trains still run?
Yes, I'll be sorry
for the train, but as you
say, they can learn from
it, I look forward to '92.
Much love,

Miriam x

Love to the children & horses.
X O X O X O X O X

My mother's letter to me in 1991.

THE WAY WE WERE



Earliest remembered pets Laddie dog and budgie boy.1965

THE WAY WE WERE



Naomi and Peter wedding day 1975

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Peter and Angela wedding with Joshua and Andria.



Peter & Angela Hale.

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Sydney Swans 2012 Premiership Captain Jarryd McVae
with Angie and me and holding the cup with coach John
Longmire,

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Peter and Joshua at Sydney Swans match Subiaco Oval.

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Peter DJ at 40th birthday for family.

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Esther and Laura share umbrella.

Videotape on the Falcons

A VIDEOTAPE of the 100-year history of the West Perth Football Club has been made by a team supporter, Peter Hale.

The documentary – believed to be the first of its kind to be made in WA – includes film of football highlights and interviews with coaches and players.

Mr Hale, who is a television and radio producer, narrates the 2½-hour film, which he spent two months editing.

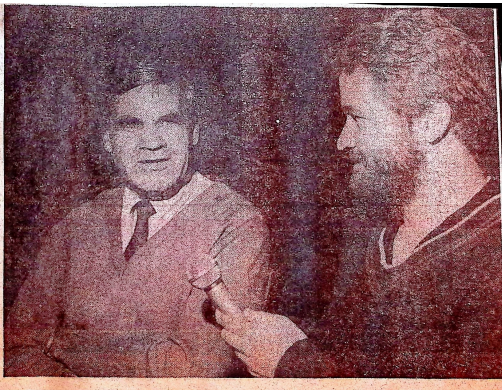
The film features interviews with such noted players as Harold Boyd and Ted Dyson, and footage of Perth's oldest former player, 95-year-old Bill Kessell.

It also has highlights from the 1935 finals and premiership, the 1946, 1969 and 1975 grand finals with comments from captains and coaches, and replays from the late 1970s and 1980s.

Mr Hale said that the videotape would be the best way to preserve some of the club's great achievement.

He hoped copies would be sold to club supporters.

Right: Former captain-coach of West Perth Graham Farmer with Peter Hale.

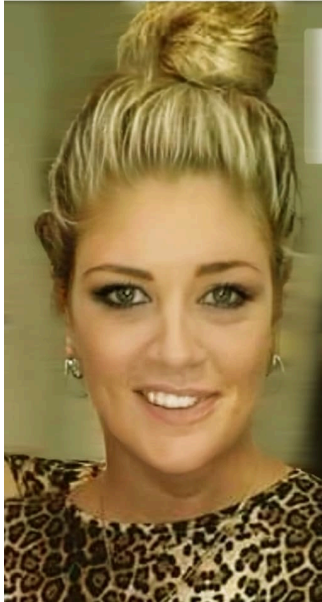


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Final Swans game at Subiaco Oval before it was demolished.

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Above and below Esther Ellen Hale's memories

Favourite subject at school.

Sport

What was the highlight of growing up

Living in Dubbo, spending time with cousins Justin & Gemma & Sydney family.

Favourite holiday

Hawks nest

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When is your earliest memory and your age.

Kamara Court, playing with the Peter's & Walthaus kids

Your favourite school friend or friends

Kate & Libby

Favourite pet or pets growing up

Benji

Was travelling with Dads work a problem for you
(keeping friends etc)

I made friends quite easily but was sad leaving friends
each move

What sports did you play and your favourite.

Of all sports, I loved my netball the most tho!

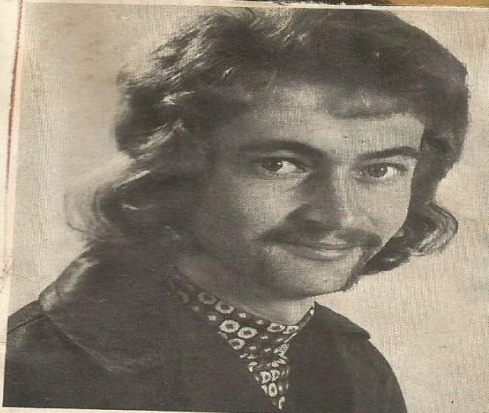
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TV WEEK

WEST AUSTRALIA
JUNE 21, 1975 25c*
PROGRAMS: JUNE 18 — JUNE 24



● ABOVE: New face on country television is Peter Hale who is doing a spot on BTW3, GSW9 and 10. Peter talks about music, the latest records and recording artists visiting the area.

Photo news

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WEDNESDAY APRIL 13 1983



Holding the mark

After a successful season last year when two of the four teams won premierships, the Mount Hawthorn-West Perth Amateur Football Club is looking forward to continued success this season. Here Steve Bombardier takes a mark in front of Peter Hale. The club trains at Beatty Park, on the corner of Charles and Vincent Streets, Leederville on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5.30pm. New players and supporters are welcome.

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Fully built by Peter Hale in 1979 at first home in Padbury.



Peter and mother Olive

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Father and Son martial arts training 1993

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Joshua at Sydney Swans game "Banner Team" at Subiaco Oval.



Peter coaching Joshua (Back row left) in Bunbury.

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Peter having a flying lesson in Inverell NSW.

In 1994 I achieved a "Black Belt" in martial arts. Five years of training:

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Black belt presentation

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On a cruise with daughters Laura, Esther and stepdaughter Andrea.

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Peter on a ship cruise.



Ashlea with Sydney Swan Keiran Jack.

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After a 53-year career, I came out of retirement to work back at 61X on air for two years.

My Children & Grandies



Esther Ellen Hale at the Great Australia Bite was named after her great gran Ellen Neilson.

Esther's childhood memories:

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Favourite subject at school.

Sport

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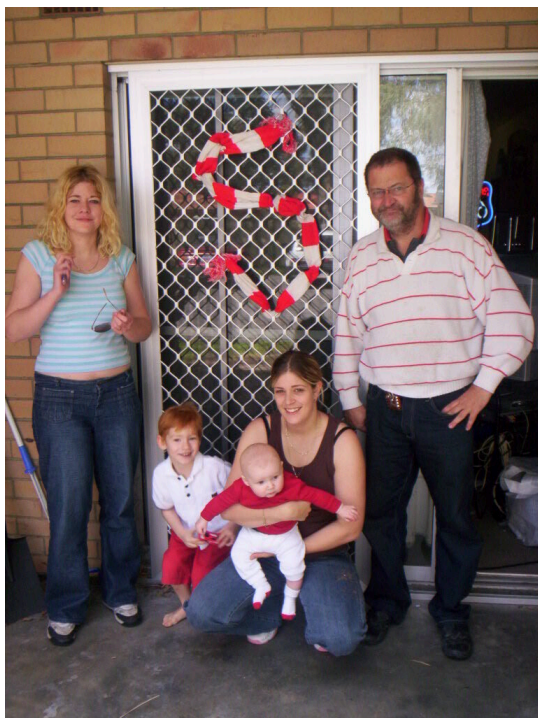
What sports did you play and what was your favourite?

Of all sports, I loved my netball the most tho!



Esther Hale in her dad's DJ radio chair Dubbo NSW 2DU

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Laura, Ethan, Esther Oliver and me on grand final day.

Laura's memories

My favourite subject was music in year 9 cause of all the excursions and singing in the opera house and my friends were all in my class. My favourite holiday was to tea Gardens and Hawksnest with the frog in the loo and Leyland brothers world earliest memory was walking down hospital corridor l with grandma with teddy in arm to see Esther for first time. My favourite school friend

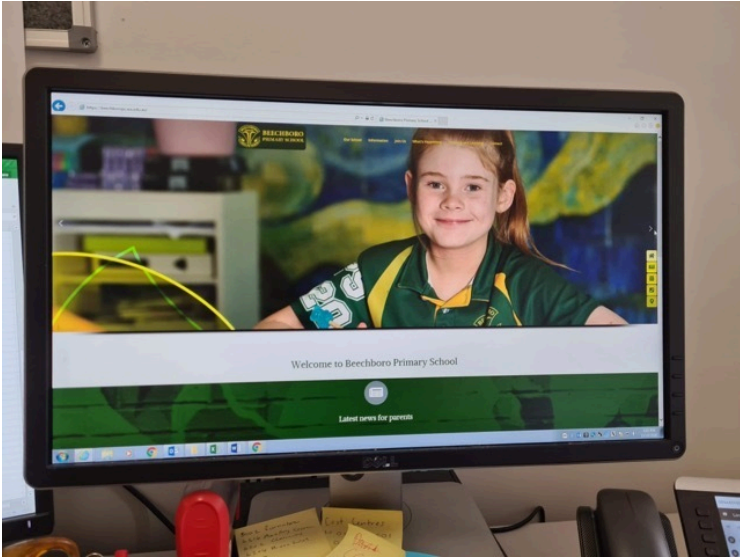
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was Julia Hawkins and Rhiannon Creamer.. my favourite friend now is Kellie Jones. My favourite pet growing up was definitely Benji.. was hard at first the travel but it made life interesting definitely wasn't a boring childhood. I played netball. My favourite sport to watch is footy x



Laura's painting 2025.

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Ashlea Hale is on the front page of the school website.



Joshua, Esther and Laura with Perth city background
1990s

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Esther above and below career.

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Esther Hale ,Kevin Kearsting and family
(Ethan,Dylan,Oliver, and Ella.

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Grandson Ethan's kickboxing tournament



"The Lads" My grandsons Ethan, Oliver, and Dylan.

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Oliver, Ashlea and Dylan.



Esther with Dad at school.

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Mother (Esther Hale) and son Dylan in sports.

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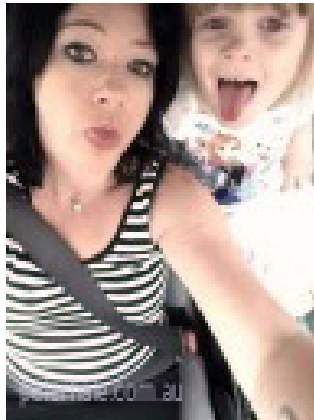


Dylan playing for East Fremantle (Little League) His great-great-grandfather's beloved club..

THE WAY WE WERE



Joshua, Esther, Laura and me.



Laura and Ashlea.

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Career 1969 - 2024



First, fulltime radio announcing 12973 - 74

PETER HALE LOOKS AT SOUNDS OF '73

The Liberal and I got together on this new column where I'll keep you up to date each week on what's happening in the world of music (sounds of '73) which should please all music lovers.

I will feature top selling albums and singles with charts from America, England and Australia.

Also in this column each week I'll take a look at newly released albums and singles plus general information on the people who make the records.

There's a fabulous new album out on the Mushroom label recorded live at Sunbury a three-record set featuring 17 artists worth checking out.

Did you know that Don McLean's single Dreidel was written about himself?

Have to listen to the words — they describe his fast rise to success.

Don McLean comes to Australia this month.

For the Johnny Young fans, John has a new single out entitled Just Another Rock and Roller which was written by himself and tells of his 10 years in showbusiness.

John made an early start



At the age of 14 he won a talent quest and by 16 he had his own television show on Channel 7 West Australia.

After a great career The Spectrum have broken up following a farewell concert on the 22nd of last month.

June and July will be great months for the Australian pop scene.

In June the Jacksons Five and Diana Ross come with separate tours and in July Rod Stewart and The Faces will wow their audiences.

Rod Stewart and The Faces have a new single out entitled "Cindy", incidentally which we are playing on 2DU at the moment.

Some good albums out now. For the Lobo fans their new album is called "Of a Simple Man" which includes their hit single, "I'd Love You To Want Me". An album which is getting plenty of publicity and here's a bit more for it, Elvis Presley's Aloha from Hawaii.

It's a double album recorded live worth a listen.

Just before finishing off my album pick of the week is one I bought this week, The Best of the Easybeats. You name one of their hits you'll find it there.

It's a winner.

It's on a budget Priced label so even I can afford it.

My first writings as a music journalist 1973

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Front page of national media magazine 1973



First job out of school radio 6IX

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TELESNAPS

3/2/73

After the Christmas and New Year break from their TV and radio shows, John Fryer and Peter Dean are ready to launch the 1973 versions of ANYTHING GOES and CAN WE HELP YOU. . . . Former TVW7 personality Gary Carvolth has joined 6IX as public relations and publicity officer Former drive time announcer Greg Pearce is back at 6IX and is branching into more TV work. Greg now reads the evening news at TVW7 each Saturday. . . . Former 6IX production assistant, Peter Hale, has joined 2DU Dubbo as evening announcer. . . . TVW7 children's program producer and station choreographer, Brian Smith, is back after holidays in Sydney. He said GODSPELL and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR are the most exciting stage shows he has seen. . . . Ron Christie, producer at TVW7, has gone into the strawberry business. Ron imported some plants from South Australia and is nursing them like a professional market gardener. He expects to grow enough fruit to feed the entire crew of ANYTHING GOES. . . . It's obvious that Jeff Newman hasn't done much sunbathing this summer. When he arrived at Scarborough Beach, for the first and second semi-finals of the Miss West Coast quest, he dazzled everyone with his lily-white torso.

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Peter and Naomi in photobooth Sydney 1973



First fulltime radio announcing in Perth with 6PR

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Peter on radio 6KY 1978



Peter (Pictured left) on GWN Television 1974

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13 November, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

PETER HALE was employed by the Golden West Network from June 20th 1995 until he resigned of his own accord on November 8th 1996.

During that time Peter worked in our Geraldton Office as a Commercial Producer, then transferred on March 5th, 1995 to our Bunbury Operations centre to work as a Videotape Operator.

While in Bunbury, Peter was responsible for shift work duties including recording and cueing incoming programs via satellite and On Air VTR loading and dubbing of programs and commercials utilising Sony BVH 2000 C Format VTRs and BVW SP Betacam series VCRs.

This serves as a Statement of Employment as GWN does not supply written references.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Sutherland'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'T' and 'S'.

Trevor Sutherland
Presentation Manager

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Peter worked at Channel 9 studios pictured above and below 1983 to 1989

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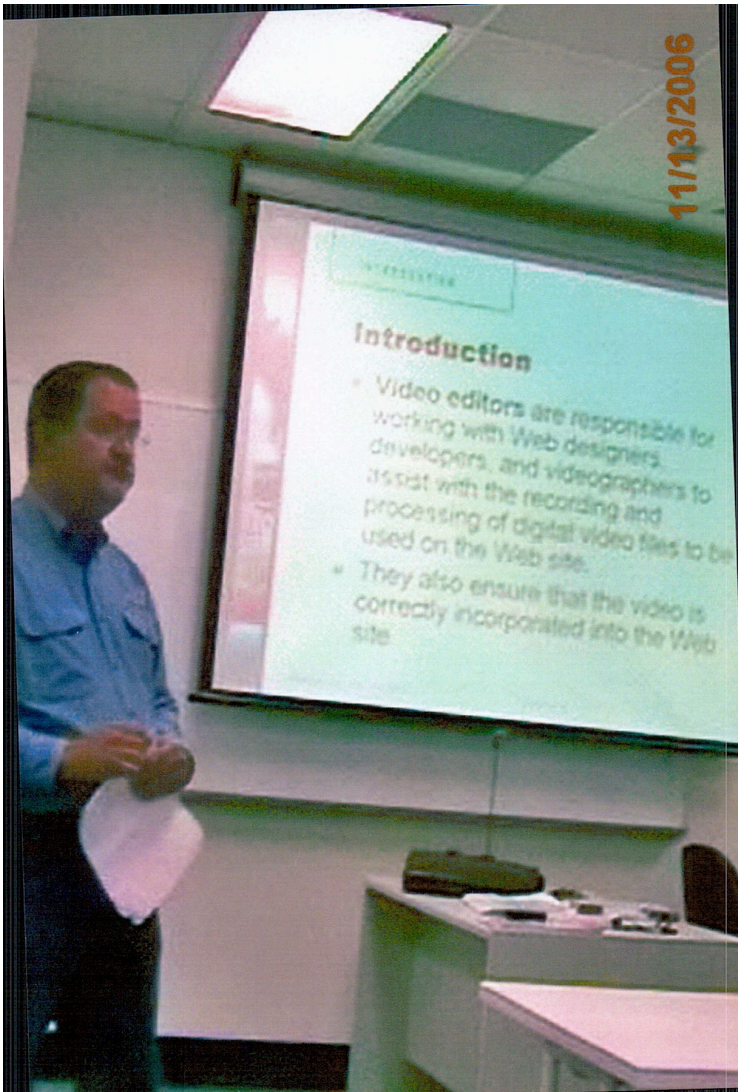


The demolition

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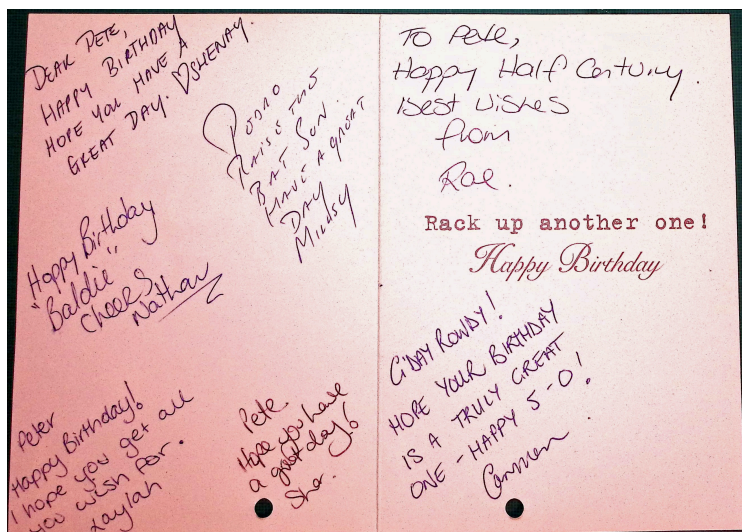
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Peter, guest TAFE lecturer on media.



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50th birthday card from Radiowest Kalgoorlie.





Local film buff Peter Hale on air at 6NR.

Peter makes return to radio

WANNEROO film buff Peter Hale has scored a nightly movie review segment on Curtin University radio station 6NR.

The segments are written and recorded on Monday afternoons and go to air from Monday to Friday at 10.45pm.

"It's great to be back on the radio

talking about a subject I love so much," Mr Hale said.

Mr Hale has one of the largest private movie libraries in Perth with more than 1000 videos and hundreds of CD soundtracks.

During the 1970s and 80s he was an announcer for Perth radio stations 6PR, 6IX and 6KY.

1997



Football BUDGET

APRIL 19, 1986

ROYALS CAPTURED IN HISTORIC TAPE

THE East Perth Football Club has released a video tape capturing some of the highlights of the Royals long and illustrious history.

Written and directed by Peter Hale — who produced a similar tape last year for West Perth's 100th birthday — the tape covers some of the glorious moments in Royals history and tradition.

Some great names of the past are captured on film, both in action in the replays that go back to the 1930s and in off-field interviews, talking about great moments of the past.

Some of the game's all-time champions like Graham Farmer, Tom Everett, Jack Sheedy,

Barry Cable, Mal Brown and Frank Sparrow feature in the interviews.

In addition, producer Hale talks to George Owens, the club's 1925 Sandover Medallist.

The tape has an abundance of great moments in replay, including league, reserves and colts grand final victories in bygone years.

It's available at \$39 a tape on VHS or Beta and is on sale at the East Perth Football Club.



Peter Hale (pictured centre) combined 17 years in radio and television production with his love of football to produce the East Perth and West Perth tapes. He is pictured with Frank Sparrow (right) and Tom Everett, both champions from bygone Royals line-ups.




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WA's league footballers, plus
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day, August 13, 1996

NEWS



Author Peter Hale at work at the GWN studios with daughter Esther.

Book gives insight into the media

ALL you ever needed to know about radio and television can be found in a new book by local video producer Peter Hale.

Mr Hale has spent 25 rewarding years in the electronic media as a radio announcer, presenter, writer and producer.

His book celebrates this milestone and passes on much of his experience and knowledge.

It will be of special interest to people who watch television and listen to radio and want to know what happens behind the scenes.

For young people seeking a media career there are sections of the book devoted to informative advice.

Mr Hale currently lives in Australind where he runs his own video production firm.

His book, *Inside the Electronic Media - Solving the Mystery* is available at Angus and Robertson's bookshop in Bunbury or by giving Mr Hale a call on 97 0319.

While working GWN Television Bunbury Peter and Esther 1996



GWN Studios Geraldton Cameraman Peter.

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Peter television cameraman GWN filming commercial in Geraldton 1996



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Peter television hosting 1976 Channel 9 Perth.



Business "Main Event Professionals" work with West Perth Football Club video analysis

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et. Santana — Caravan- Night. few times I find that I
I think it's a bit of a Bread — Guitar Man. and Johnny Mathis — Soul can't put the thing down. in
and inspiration. (A There is no point in

this Week Record Last Week

2DU Top 40

1. Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The	1	22. Peaceful — Helen Reddy	22
2. Ole Oak Tree — Dawn	1	23. Killing Me Softly With His	13
3. Daisy A Day — Jud Strunk	2	24. Dreidel — Don McClean	23
4. Also Sprach Zarathustra (2001) —	4	25. Jambalaya — The Blue Ridge Rangers	25
Deodatta	4	26. Pretty Maid — Tony Marshall	20
5. Heaven Is My Woman's Love —	9	27. Power To All Our Friends — Cliff	Re-entry
Col Joye	9	Richard	
6. The Twelfth of Never — Donny Osmond	10	28. Well Hello — Yellowstone and Voice	35
7. Part Of The Union — Straws	5	29. I Am Woman — Helen Reddy	26
8. Top Of The World — Carpenters	3	30. I Knew Jesus — Glen Campbell	31
9. The Nights The Lights Went Out	11	31. Neither One Of Us — Linda George	30
In Georgia — Vicki Lawrence	11	32. My Love — Paul McCartney	Debut
10. Do You Wanna Touch Me —	15	And Wings	
Gary Glitter	15	33. Pinball Wizard/See Me, Feel	34
11. The Goondiwindi Grey — Tex Morton	6	Me — The New Seekers	34
12. Get Down — Gilbert O'Sullivan	16	34. I Can't Get Sunday Out Of My Mind —	29
13. Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon	19	Rod Kirkham	29
14. Wine — Tom T. Hall	7	35. Saw A New Morning — The Bee Gees	40
15. Funny Face — Donna Fargo	8	36. Susie Darlin' — Barry Crocker	38
16. Last Song — Edward Bear	21	37. Stir It Up — Johnny Nash	39
17. Stealers Wheel	18	38. Delta Queen — Don Fardon	37
18. Space Oddity — David Bowie	28	39. Venus — Jamie Redfern	Debut
19. Daniel — Elton John	17	40. Steamroller Blues/You Gave Me	Debut
20. Tweedle Dee — Little Jimmy Osmond	12	A Mountain — Elvis Presley	
21. Crocodile Rock — Elton John	24		
22. So Much Love In My Heart —	36		
Mr. George			
23. Sing — The Carpenters			

Youth stole a kiss

HONG KONG — A 20-year-old bookstore clerk has been fined seven sterling (about \$12 Aust) for stealing a kiss from a schoolmistress in his shop.

He told the court she was too beautiful and he "temporarily lost control of himself".

2DU Top 40

1. The Entertainer, Marvin Hamilsch	debut
2. Seasons In The Sun, Terry Jacks	1
3. Billy Don't Be A Hero, Paper Lace	8
4. Hooked On A Feeling, Blue Swede	3
5. Devil Gate Drive, Suzi Quatro	6
6. The Way We Were, Barbara Streisland	2
7. Candle In The Wind, Elton John	debut
8. Ships In The Night, Vicki Lawrence	4
9. The Air That I Breathe, The M	28
40. (I've Been) Searching So Long, Chicago	debut

Join Peter Hale (The Hairy One, With The Big Feet) on Orana Region Radio 2DU, Wednesday and Thursday nights for your type of music.

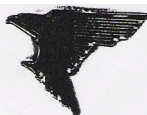
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My business sponsored West Perth Football Club.

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To whom it may concern

Peter Hale has been involved in the production of videos for the West Perth Football Club since January 1997.

These videos have focused on various aspects of team and individual performance from a coaching point of view. Peter has then edited the tapes to provide suitable footage for individuals to improve their performance.

Peter has also produced "motivational" video tapes to provide the players with extra stimulation for their performances. These tapes are always successful as they are professionally edited and he has a sound understanding of what is required.

Peter has shown a keen desire to assist in any task asked of him and it is a great assurance to know that we have a man of Peter's ability at the club.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dimmer'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

John Dimmer
League Coach
West Perth Football Club

29 May 1998

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My business work filming West Perth football matches.



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Peter in West Perth team photo.

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Siblings 1954 to 2021



Eldest brother Alan born 1938

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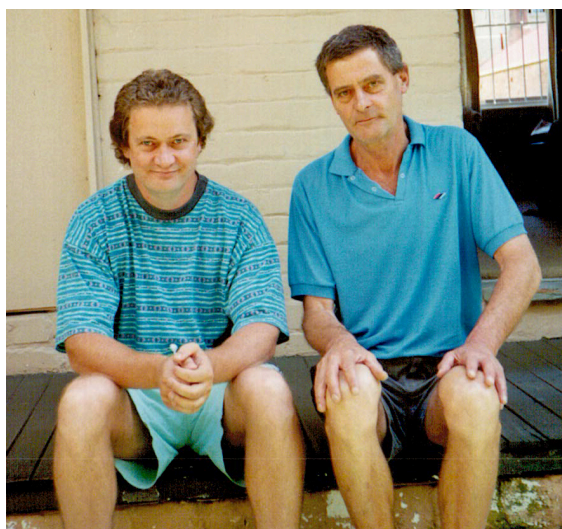
Mum and Dad



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Alan died 2016 age 78.



Alan and Peter 1990

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Me, Alan and Mum.

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Sister eldest Primrose Hale, Brown Betts born 1941.



Primrose Hale/Brown John David Betts
1941 Fair-Blue-5'5" 1946

Second Husband John Betts.

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First wedding to Peter Brown.

Primrose 1941 to 2021

My sister Primrose was born on Thursday 17th July 1941 during World war 2 John Curtin was the Prime Minister of Australia. Winston Churchill was prime minister of the United Kingdom.

Our family came from England, Denmark and New Zealand in the early 1900s.

Prim was born and grew up in Mount Hawthorn in the northern suburbs of Perth along with myself and siblings Alan and Pixie.

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The sisters I remember had their sibling rivalry as teenagers. One of my personal favourite photos is of my sisters celebrating my 5th birthday at home.



Together we were all close and connected together and apart over the years. The caring nature came from our mother Olive and even all three of my children have successful careers in the care industries.

Our parents were Olive and Kieth including the surnames of Neilson, Cumming and Fraser on my mother's side.

Primrose worked as a nurse at Perth Chest Hospital now known as Sir Charles Gardner in the early to mid 1960s.

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We were all involved in the Media , Music and performing arts and I remember Primrose's involvement in Ballroom dancing at the Embassy Ballroom in the 1960s.

She married in 1965 to Peter Brown (born 1943 to 1998) at St Peter's church Mt Hawthorn.



During this time

her two children Malcolm born 1966 and Christine 1968 .

Later in 1981 she married John Betts . John and Prim had a long 40 year marriage together.

In later years Primrose battled her demons (whatever they were) and became reclusive. But always continued to show her love and affection to her family when we

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did see her. Her husband John, loved and cared for her for over 40 years God bless him.

Primrose died at her home in Koondoola on the 27th September 2021 . She was 80 and had been married 40 years.

My mind still talks to you

My heart still looks for you

But my soul knows you are at peace.



Primrose died age 80 in October 2021

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Pixie as Alice in television Alice in wonderland 1960s

YOUTH IN THE NEWS

Perth Actress Is Veteran At 16

PERTH actress Pixie Hale (16) would like to make her part-time hobby a full-time occupation.

She studied acting for five years and modern stage dancing for ten years.

Acting training included voice production, stage movement, make-up and singing.

She has just taken a job with an advertising firm after having toured country towns for nearly a year. She acted in revues and children's pantomimes, and recently finished a season as Jessica in "The Merchant of Venice."

She prefers musical comedy because she can act, sing and dance in the same show.



MISS HALE

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My sister Pixie professional acting, stage and television career

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Sister Pixie .Peter and Mum.



Pixie died 1915 age 70.

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Childhood Friends 1962 to 1973

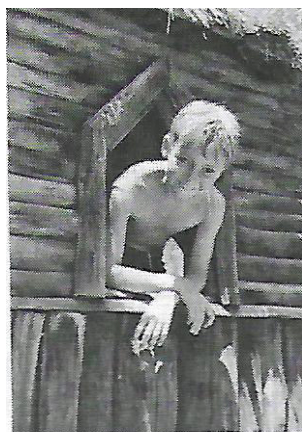


Childhood friends Greg, Anne and Peta Judd.

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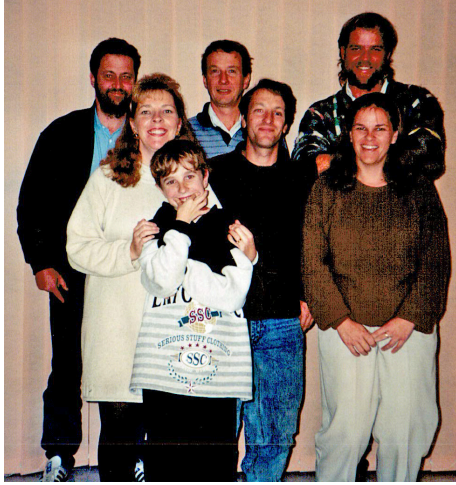


Peter Hale in Judd family backyard.



peterh Peter Robert Hale
1953 Brown-Green-5'11"

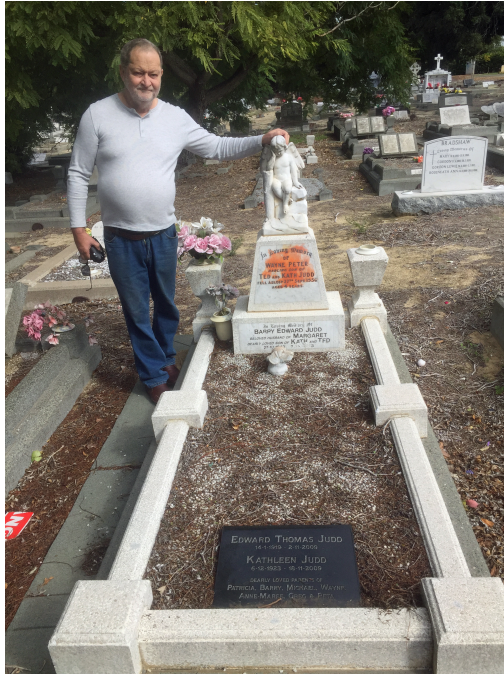
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Reunions 1980s the kids and below the parents.



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Family grave Karrakatta Perth.



Me with Greg Judd.1970.

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Pete with Mum Olive & Keith Hale at Mt Hawthorn
home 1960s



Peter Greg Anne and sister Judd.

Resting In Peace x



Uncle Vic and Mona Gamble Neilson (Gran Ellen's
sister}

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Uncle Vic married Mona Neilson.

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Mother Ellen and daughter Olive in Fremantle.

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My Gran Ellen and Mum Olive.



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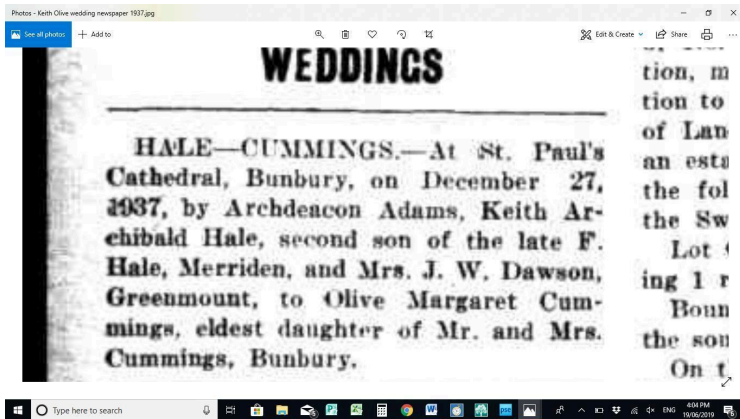
Me with my great grandparents John and Christina and son Ernest grave.

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My dad's grave Keith Hale.

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My Grandma Alice Dawson married second Husband
Dawson.

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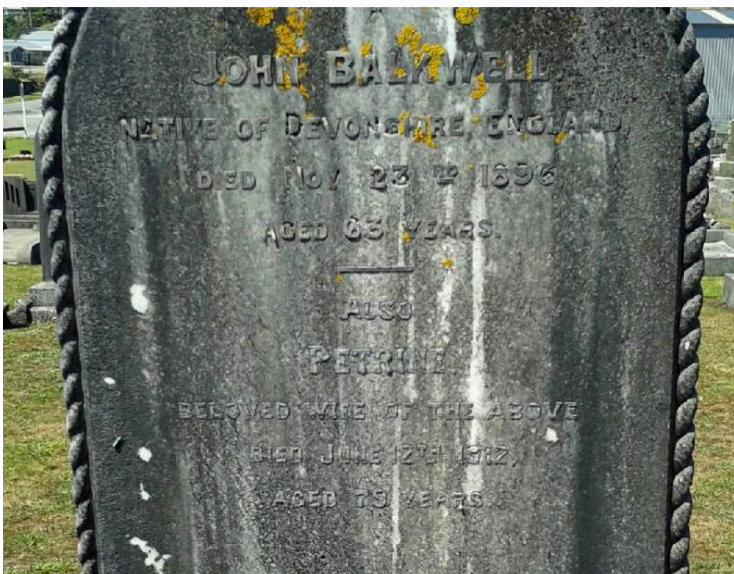
Alice Hale Dawson with Peter.

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Dad's father, my Grandfather Hale

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Petrine (Neilson) and John Balkwell

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Petrine Neilson

IMAGES DELETED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTINA NEILSON



Christina Neilson with Ellen, Madeline, Arthur, Ernest.

Baby is Arther with his mum and siblings

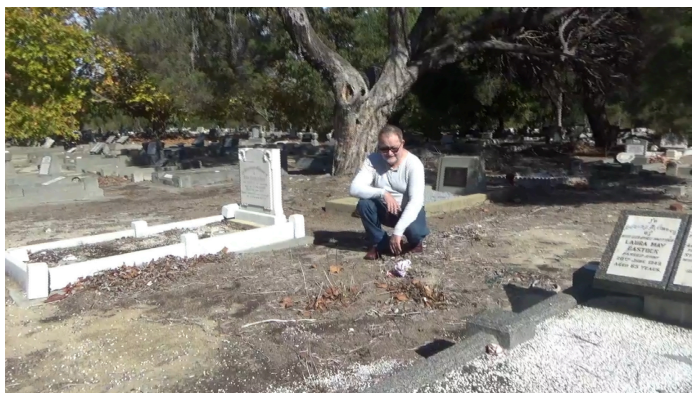
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DEATH

NEILSON.—At Perth, on June 19, Arthur, loving brother of Nell (Mrs. Cumming) Bunbury, Madge (Mrs. Strickland) Maylands, Tess (Mrs. Sounness) Albany, Mona (Mrs. Gamble) Guildford, and Nancy (Mrs. Rennie) Albany.
At Rest.

NEILSON, Arthur.—On June 18, dearly beloved brother of Tess and **Albert Sounness**, uncle of Audrey.



Arthur Neilson unmarked grave Karrakatta Died 1949.

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Son of Petrine Hans Peter and wife Mabela .Hans changed his name to Nelson.



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Jaqueline died young Primrose's grand daughter



Conticelo kids with Peter and Jaquelin (left)

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Jacqueline Conticello grave.



CRASH SCENE: Emergency workers at the scene of yesterday's car accident on the Newell Highway near Gilgandra.

Woman killed in horror car crash

A 37-year-old woman was killed in a horrific single-vehicle car accident on the Newell Highway near Gilgandra yesterday afternoon.

The woman was dead when police arrived on the scene 10km south of Gilgandra shortly before 2pm.

According to Inspector Bruce Moon of Dubbo police the accident occurred when the south-bound sedan she was driving tried to negotiate a right-hand bend, leaving the road and then hitting a tree.

Her 20-year-old female passenger was pulled from the wreck and rushed to Gilgandra Hospital suffering serious injuries.

She was later airlifted to Sydney by CareFlight's central

west rescue helicopter, however her condition was unknown last night.

The Queensland-registered car was torn on impact with the tree.

The wreck of the car came to rest on the side of the road more than 10 metres from the tree, with the engine block and front axle lying in the middle of the highway.

Oil and debris were strewn across the roadway and one lane was blocked off for a number of hours.

A greeting card was among personal belongings scattered around the area.

A police crime scene unit attended the accident site to begin investigations shortly before 3pm, with the deceased

woman's body removed from the wreckage more than an hour later.

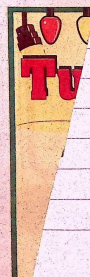
State Emergency Service personnel, the Rural Fire Service unit, and the Roads and Traffic Authority also assisted at the scene.

Investigations into the accident continued into the afternoon.

Inspector Moon said there was no suggestion speed was a factor in the crash because there were no skid marks, however he did not rule out the possibility.

Both lanes of the Newell Highway were reopened shortly before 6pm.

The deceased woman is expected to be formally identified today, after which her identity will be released.



Elizabeth Andrews and daughter Gemma tragedy

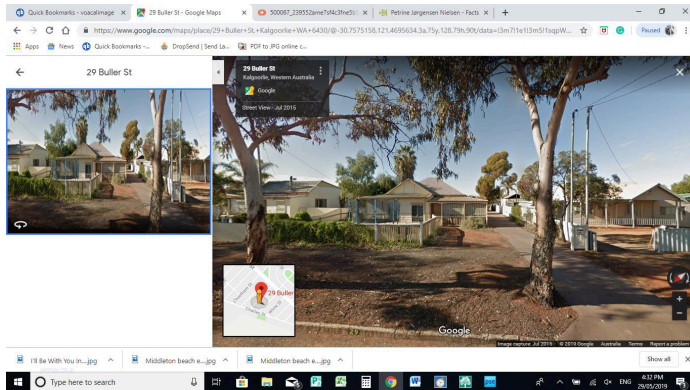
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My favourite aunt and uncle Tess Neilson and Albert Sounness in Albany .I spent several school holidays there.



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Gran & Pops Kalgoorlie home where baby Ernest died.
1920.



Mona Margaret Neilson and her brother John.

John was drowned at Port Hedland WA as a young man when working on a station. The story is that he and some young boys from the station went by boat to an island. The boat floated away on the rising tide and Jack swam after it and was lost.

There were three Neilson sons: Ernest was killed in the war, John drowned and Arthur did not marry.

John Neilson Jr.

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Mt Clarence Albany war memorial Ernest Neilson

Also, the family who's ashes were scattered with no gravesite.



Bong Soon Kim Oggy and Joshua Hale's Grandmother
South Korea.

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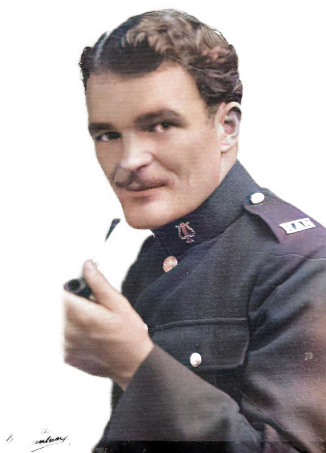


My sister Primrose and Pixie Hale.



Alan Hale my brother. Ashes scattered into Yanchep ocean.

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Robert Melville Cumming died 1961 in Sydney



Andrew Burke & Pixie Burke/Hale
344 Black-Brown-57" (m.1968)

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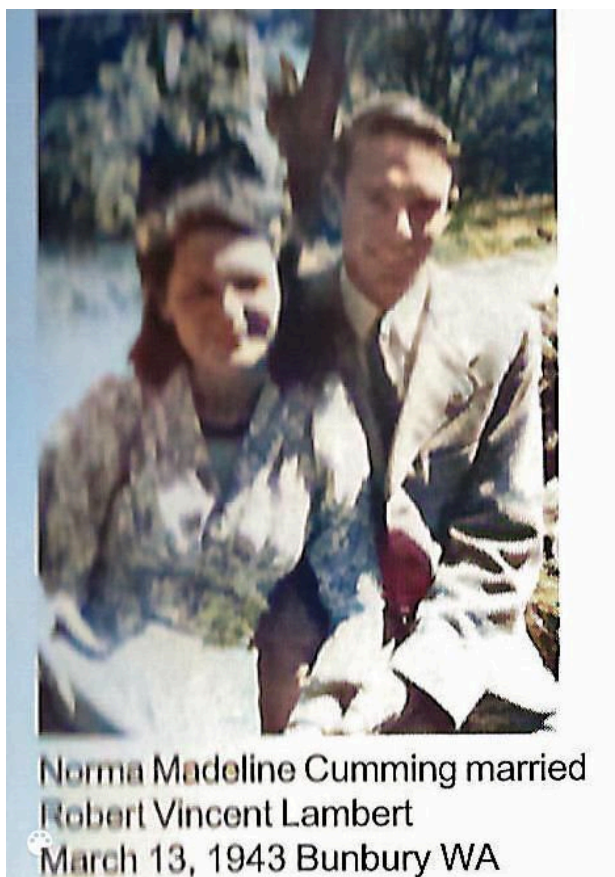


My cousin Robert Lambert with his children. Good man.



Above and below Norma Cumming, Neilson.

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Primrose's husband John Betts with step daughter Christine. He died 2025



Richard, Margaret nee Lambert's husband died from dementia.

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Primrose Hale Brown Betts.

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